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WAR BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 16.

The skillful and gallant movements of Major-Gen. JOHN E. WOOL, and the forces under his command, which resulted in the surrender of Norfolk, and the evacuation of the strong batteries erected by the rebels on Sewall's Point and Craney Island, and the destruction of the rebel iron clad steamer Merrimac, are regarded by the President as among the most important successes of the present war. He therefore orders that his thanks as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, be communicated by the War Department to Maj.-Gen. JOHN E. WOOL, and the officers and soldiers of his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the brilliant operations mentioned.

By order of the President.

Made at the City of Norfolk, on the 11th day of May, 1862. (Signed,)

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, May 16.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GEN. HUNTER.

Hunter's proclamation excites scarcely any interest in Washington—no one attaching any importance to it, sufficient to produce the end designed. Martial law is only enforced by military power, and Hunter had no force at his command adequate to enforce this proclamation. His declaring freedom to all the slaves in those States, where he had no power to free a single one outside of his camp, is regarded in Washington as an act of stultification highly discreditable to any one holding the rank of General, supposed to have ordinary intelligence. If the military power is withdrawn from Hunter's Department before his proclamation is executed throughout those States, it is conceded that the civil power will not complete or countenance what martial law proclaimed, but did not practically execute. Republicans of radical views see the absurdity of Hunter's proceedings, and some of them claim that the proclamation is a forgery. I have heard of not one who believes it. The President's policy is supposed to be authoritatively outlined by his action in Fremont's case, in which all his Cabinet concurred. Fremont freed by proclamation the slaves of all men engaged in the rebellion; Hunter's proclamation frees the slaves of all men in three States, whether they have engaged in rebellion or not—punishing loyalists as well as traitors, and all because he has "declared martial law," where he has confessedly no ability to execute it. It is understood that Hunter took no specific instructions from the President in regard to the management of matters in his department, but was left, as all other military commanders have been, to his own discretion in his attempt to reinstitute the Constitution and laws in the revolted States. It is said that the President will be waited on this evening by gentlemen, to ascertain under what authority Hunter is acting.

The expressed belief of the Tribune that Hunter's proclamation will induce any large number of slaves to escape to the Union lines is sufficiently answered by the fact that Fremont's proclamation remained in force at least two weeks, in Missouri, without producing any such result, although the negroes of Missouri have immeasurably better means of learning "good news" than have those of Carolina and Georgia. The fruits of Fremont's proclamation were two slaves freed.

MAILS FOR NEW-ORLEANS.

The mails for New-Orleans will be made up at New-York, to be forwarded by sea on every steamer which may leave for that port; therefore the communications between those cities will be frequent. Postmasters are requested to forward all mail matter for New-Orleans to the New-York Post-office.

PROBABLE APPOINTMENT OF A MILITARY GOVERNOR IN KENTUCKY.

In consequence of the removal of all National troops from Kentucky to the theatre of war, further South, the Secessionists in Kentucky, numerous in many localities, have become very impudent and lawless. Recruits for HUMPHREY MARSHALL have been openly enlisted in some of the central counties, disloyal candidates for civil offices have declared themselves, and plunderings of Union citizens in exposed sections have taken place. Under these circumstances, and in compliance with the request of the Military Board of Kentucky, the National Government will probably send a Military Governor to Kentucky, clothed with such power as ANDY JOHNSON has, to do the duty which MACOFFIN fails to do, and to visit upon Secessionists four-fold the punishment that they inflict upon Unionists. A force of five thousand soldiers will probably back up this movement. Gen. J. T. BOYLE, of Kentucky, who led a brigade at Shiloh, is spoken of as the Military Governor. Kentucky has near forty thousand soldiers in the Union army—ten thousand more than her quota.

THE EXPECTED BATTLE AT CORINTH AND THE PRESS.

On inquiry at the War Department it is ascertained that the order of the Assistant Supervisor of Telegraph at Cincinnati to the operator at Cairo was not issued by the Military Supervisor at Washington. It was issued by the Assistant Supervisor at Cincinnati under a misapprehension of the instructions received from the Military Supervisor, which were intended to stop the forwarding from Cairo to the newspapers of false and improper military intelligence and secession dispatches relating to military matters, such as had on several occasions created public anxiety and alarm without cause, and of which great complaint has justly been made. There has been no change in the orders of the Department, and there is no intention to withhold any authentic information from the public except such as could not be forwarded without embarrassment to military operations and danger to our armies.

EXPECTED RELEASE OF COL. CORCORAN.

The Secretary of War, upon the application of Representative ELY, has ordered the release of Col. W. F. BALDWIN, of Virginia, to be exchanged for Col. CORCORAN. Capt. FARRELL and Lieut. DEMPSEY, recently released as prisoners of war from Richmond, and who have been a week in Washington, had represented to the President and Secretary of War the necessity and justice of this arrangement on account of Col. CORCORAN's health. Aided by Representative ELY, they have succeeded.

THE CASES OF OTHER PRISONERS.

Representative KERNSHAW received to-day, through one of the lately returned Union prisoners, a letter from Richmond, dated May 12, which was hid in a piece of soap, urging him to use his political influence to effect the release of Capts. DEVENEY and GRIFFIN, and Lieuts. UNDERHILL and FAY, of New-York regiments. He also received two photographs of the Union hostages as they appeared in Castle Pinckney.

GEN. WOOL PROMOTED.

The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Brevet Major-Gen. WOOL to be Major-General of the army, for gallant conduct on the 10th of May, in taking the City of Norfolk, and for other gallant services; also of CHARLES CASS, as Postmaster at Winchester, Va.

Among other minor military nominations the following were confirmed. First Lieut. WM. KEMBY, formerly a page in the Senate; CHARLES H. DUNCAN of New-York, Capt. P. T. SCOTT of Pennsylvania, Lieut. MONTGOMERY of Rochester, OWEN H. HAWE and JAMES C. CLARK, all Assistant Adjutant-Generals. BENJAMIN F. LUSHBAUGH, of Nebraska, is confirmed as Agent for the Pawnee Indians in that Territory.

GEN. SICKLES TO COMMAND THE EXCELSIOR BRIGADE.

Gen. SICKLES was to-day ordered to resume command of the Excelsior Brigade, attached to the army of the Potomac.

TEN GRADES OF RANK IN THE NAVY.

The House Naval Committee to-day acted favorably on a bill to establish ten grades of rank in the navy, to wit: Admirals, Commodores, Captains, Lieutenants, Commanders, Lieutenant-Commanders, Lieutenant-Masters, Passed Midshipmen, Midshipmen, Naval Cadets.

CHARGES AGAINST COL. VAN WYCK.

News reached Washington to-day of a painful character respecting Col. C. H. VAN WYCK, member of Congress, Chairman of the Investigating Committee, now commanding a regiment in the field. He is said to be arrested by order of Gen. MCCLELLAN, and placed under close confinement, for peculiarities of identically the same character with those of which his committee convicted others—frauds on the Government. I forbear details, with the hope that satisfactory explanations may be made.

THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

The President has nominated ISAAC NEWTON to be Commissioner of Agriculture, under the new law creating an Independent Bureau of Agriculture. Mr. NEWTON is a practical farmer, and has long been in charge of the Agricultural Branch of the Patent Office. ELI THAYER, of Massachusetts, was a prominent competitor for the place.

WHO TOOK POSSESSION?

Hon. HENRY WILSON has received a letter from a field officer of his old regiment, claiming for the Twenty-second Massachusetts the honor of raising the first national flag upon the rebel works at Yorktown at 9 o'clock in the morning of that day, and the Twenty-second relieved Col. BLACK and the advance guard. Soon after, the rebel works were occupied by Col. GOVE, who planted the National flag belonging to his regiment upon the ramparts, where it remained during the day, being the only flag raised upon the works or in the town until the Forty-fourth New-York came up in the afternoon. The officers of the regiment claim that the official record will prove this fact.

THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW.

The Fugitive Slave law is being quietly enforced in the District to-day, the military authorities not interfering with the judicial process. There are at least 400 cases pending. It is said that some of the negroes, whose owners or agents from Maryland are here seeking their recovery, mysteriously disappeared this morning.

REVOKED.

Paragraph two of General Orders, No. 162, dated November last, having been revoked, the officers and men transferred to the skeleton regiments, under its operation, will be assigned to their original regiments as fast as vacancies occur.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER.

Sergeant CHARLES IRVIN, Company G, Fifty-fifth New-York Regiment, died this afternoon, at the National Hospital, from wounds received at the battle of Williamsburgh.

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THE NEWLY-OPENED PORTS.

Instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury Regarding Clearances.

WASHINGTON, Friday, May 16.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued full instructions to the various Collectors, respecting clearances to ports opened by proclamation of the President. These instructions authorize clearances at any time before the 1st of June; but vessels so cleared are not to enter such ports until on or after that date.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, May 16, 1862.

SIR: I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of the Proclamation of the President of the 12th of May, 1862, opening the ports of Beaufort, N. C., Port Royal, S. C., and New-Orleans, La., with the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury, governing the trade with the said ports. In view of the said Proclamation, and in pursuance of the regulations referred to, you are hereby authorized to grant clearances and license to vessels, to proceed to any of said ports, under the following restrictions:

Before granting any such clearance and license, you will require the master of each vessel to exhibit to you a manifest or descriptive statement of his cargo and a list of the passengers and crew, and to verify the same by his oath or solemn affirmation, and you will fully satisfy yourself that said vessel is intended in good faith for a lawful trade, and will in no wise, directly or indirectly, violate the provisions of the aforesaid proclamation and the regulations referred to. You will insert in such clearance the following: —— Master of the ——, of ——, having exhibited to me a manifest or descriptive statement of his cargo and a list of the passengers and crew, and having verified the same by his oath or solemn affirmation, and I having satisfied myself that the said vessel is intended in good faith for a lawful trade, and only for a lawful trade; now, therefore, by the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, and in pursuance of a proclamation of the President of the United States and the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury, issued May 12, 1862, permission is hereby granted for the said vessel to proceed to the port of ——, in the State of ——, and to leave said port for any lawful destination, on the conditions hereinafter mentioned, to wit: That the said vessel will convey no persons property or information contraband of war, either to or from the said port, and that the clearance or license shall be exhibited to the Collector of Customs at the said port of —— immediately on arrival, and if required, to any officer in charge of the blockade, and that the master, and all persons concerned in the management and control of the vessel shall faithfully comply with the revenue laws and regulations of the United States, and with the conditions of this clearance and license. The violation of any of the conditions of this clearance will involve the condemnation and forfeiture of the vessel and cargo, and the exclusion of all parties concerned from any further privileges of participating in the trade thus opened by proclamation of the President of the United States. The officers of vessels-of-war, and all other persons, will respect this clearance and license, and permit the said vessel to proceed on her lawful voyage unmolested, while prosecuting the same in conformity with its conditions. In all clearances given prior to the first of June, you will insert the further proviso that the vessel so cleared shall not enter any of the said ports previous to the first of June, on penalty of forfeiture of the vessel and cargo.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. P. CHASE, Secretary of the Treasury.

FROM GEN. HALLECK'S ARMY.

Continued Preparations for the Great Battle.

THE ENEMY BUSY FORTIFYING.

A Report of the Capture of Pensacola.

Numerous Desertions from the Rebel Army.

CAMP ON THE CORINTH ROAD, Thursday, May 15.

The following paragraph is from a Field Order just issued:

"Guards will be immediately placed along the line of Chambers Creek. No officers or soldiers will be permitted to pass to the rear, and no citizens to the front of the line, without special authority. Commanders of the army corps and divisions will see their camps are cleared of all unauthorized hangers-on, and any one attempting to evade this will be compelled to work on the intrenchments, batteries, or in the construction of roads."

This is understood to apply to all persons, correspondents included.

Fifty-seven privates, three corporals, and one Sergeant, were captured at Dresden, Tenn., while coming on under a flag of truce.

Col. JAMES THOMPSON, of BRAGG's Staff, formerly Secretary of the Interior, accompanied by a flag of truce, admits the fall of Norfolk, New-Orleans and Pensacola. He denies the fall of Richmond.

Deserters are coming into camp daily by squads.

They all agree that the rebels are still at Corinth fortifying.

There have been picket skirmishes all day. A half dozen have been wounded on our side.

The weather is very warm.

General Ideas of a Battle—Misconceptions Corrected—The Weather and Insects—A Small Stampede and its Cause—A Trip to Farmington—Feeling the Enemy—An Ambuscade.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MONTEREY, Thursday, May 8, 1862.

People who have never seen a battle have generally the crudest ideas possible relative to its true character. Nor have the efforts of the immense gang of correspondents done much toward clearing up the mysteries which shroud the "Valley of the Shadow of Death" through which a conflict rages.

One Southern correspondent, in speaking of the battle of Pea Ridge, says, in effect: "Here could be seen where the heavy knives of the Texans did their work—*hair, blood and brains mingled.*" Another correspondent, writing at a safe distance from Pittsburgh Landing, in speaking of the battle of Shiloh, says that the muzzle of the Southern rifle was crossed by the Northern bayonets, showing that the conflict was a desperate hand-to-hand struggle, in which the antagonists bayoneted, throttled, gouged and pistoled each other, in a sort of indiscriminate, terrific mob fight.

In regard to these two points, it may be said that both are purely imaginary, or in the case of the first-named, worse than imaginary. There has never been a battle in the West where a hand-to-hand conflict occurred—there has never been a battle in which one party waited to receive a bayonet charge, or did receive a bayonet charge from the other. Thus will result the inference, that if the "heavy knives of the Texans" did such remarkable work in mixing the "hair, brains and blood" of the Yankees, they must have done it to the wounded, to wounded men asking for quarter, and not in any hand-to-hand conflict. And nearly so of the well-rounded phrase relative to the muzzle of the Southern rifle crossed on the Northern bayonet. Such assertions are brilliant efforts on the part of writers to give interest to a subject concerning whose true character they know nothing.

Another correspondent embellishes his description of the battle with the assertion that during the occasional lull in the thunderous roar of the artillery, the shrieks and execrations of the wounded could be heard rising up from the deep ravines through which had passed the currents of the battle. Very pretty, but all bosh. Wounded men never shriek—never execrate in tones that can be heard any distance. A dozen surgeons have assured me that in all their experience during this war they have never known any such thing as "shrieking"—groans are plentiful, nothing else.

In battles such as we are afflicted with in this section, when the opposing forces reach within forty or fifty yards of each other, one party or the other is sure to yield the ground. The only case of any one killed by a bayonet thrust in the battle of Shiloh, was that of one man found in a tent. He was probably sick or asleep and in that condition was killed by a stab from behind. Thus much for the Cairo war correspondents.

Since my last we have been stationed at this place without having made any changes of importance. One reason of the delay is, that since Sunday noon it has rained as hard and steadily as though it had not rained here before in a century, and is now about to let us have the aqueous accumulations of that period. It rains easily in this country, and with little or no preparation. You retire at tattoo with the crescent moon and myriads of stars looking down calmly through the green leaves from an unclouded sky—an hour later and the rain patters musically against your tent, which it will not fail to continue doing for the next 24 hours.

The country between here and Corinth is composed of high ridges, between which lie bottomless swamps, varying from fifty yards to a full mile in width. Almost impassable at all times, these sloughs are particularly so after a short rain; hence it is that every one has to be bridged before they can be crossed. As our line of battle is not less than seven or eight miles in length, it can easily be imagined that the advance is necessarily of the slowest and most tedious character.

Frequently the various roads are blocked for miles by artillery wagons or provision trains fast in the mud. Starting for a certain point, however near, one is not at all positive when he will reach it—possibly in an hour, quite as likely in half a day. Trains going to the river for supplies needed immediately sometimes return the next day, but quite as frequently do not get back in a week.

Last Saturday afternoon, while the commanding was going on at Farmington between Gen. POPE and the advance of the enemy, we had quite a stampede at this place. Quite a number of artillery and other officers had congregated at the hospitable quarters of Major CAVERNOE, of the First Missouri Artillery. Everybody had commenced drinking confusion to BRAGG, and had just begun to taste a most excellent article of fluid (whose title is similar to that of the house of Bourbon,) when the heavy detonations of artillery came rolling like a thunder-storm over the woods.

Arms suddenly became right, and eyes fixed in astonishment. One gentleman found his valise, and had said as much as "What in ——," when a tremendous volley of small arms broke upon the air, from a ravine not a hundred yards distant.

Away went drinking cups, contents and all, and away, like chaff struck by a whirlwind, went the officers, including your correspondent, who probably tarried a little, mounted a horse and had the spurs well at work in less time than similar feats were ever performed during the present war. In next to no time, the officers were all at their posts, batteries were manned, and the expected enemy anxiously looked for.

No enemy came, and the alarm soon subsided. The commanding was found to proceed from POPE, while the volley turned out to be fired by a regiment of skirmishers, who went down in the ravine to empty their rifles. Many good Bourbon, and much valuable breath, were lost by this unceremonious breaking up of a most social and patriotic gathering.

At present the columns of Gens. W. T. and T. W. SHERMAN and STANLEY are some two miles in advance of Monterey—the first-named being on the right, and the last on the left of the advance. Four days' rations are being prepared by the balance of the column of attack, which will probably move forward to-morrow. The advance of this wing (the right) is now within six miles of Corinth; and hence the conflict cannot long be delayed.

FARMINGTON, Friday, May 9.

As matters were getting rather dull on the right wing, I concluded yesterday to take a trip over to the left, and see what is being done by the army under Gen. POPE. The route from the right wing to the left was said to be about six miles in length, and of a character easily traced.

I started after breakfast, with the intention of returning in time for supper, in which laudable design I succeeded to the extent of being able, by hard labor, to reach Gen. POPE's headquarters just before dark. A more horrible road between any two points was never known, and probably never will be.

This morning, the whole army under Gen. POPE took one day's rations, and started to "feel" of the enemy. The advance of the forces has been encamped on the Hamburgh and Corinth road, at a point two miles on the east side of Farmington. As the first POPE drove the rebels from this place, he did not occupy it, but withdrew his forces for two miles, leaving pickets close to the town. The rebel outposts were just on the other side, leaving the town a sort of neutral ground, not trespassed upon by either party. For several days things remained in this position, varied, so far as the pickets are concerned, by these gentlemen crawling around the town through the woods to exchange compliments and shots. The conversations were frequent, but not generally either instructive or brilliant, being mostly confined to remarks having a tendency to aspersa the genealogy of the respective parties. The shooting was quite as destitute of great results as the conversations—breath was wasted in the one case and powder and lead in the other—"nobody hurt."

This morning, soon after sunrise, the Divisions of STANLEY, PAINE, GRANGER and HAMILTON, started in the direction of Corinth, GRANGER taking the lead, with about 5,000 cavalry, and HAMILTON, with an immense number of batteries and four heavy Parrot siege guns, bringing up the rear as a reserve.

Farmington was reached without adventure, and then the cavalry was started in small bodies in every direction. In the meantime the main body came up and started toward Corinth, STANLEY's Division taking the left and PAINE's the right, the former going a little south of the direct road to BRAGG's stronghold, the latter going straight at it. HAMILTON, at the same time, formed his column of reserves across the east end of the place, with batteries upon every height and supporting infantry behind the brow of every hill, and within the shelter of every piece of timber.

So bad were the roads, and so slow the movements of such a large body of troops, that it was 2 o'clock in the afternoon before the preparations were completed, and the respective bodies on roads for their various destinations. I do not know what orders were given to the commanders, but suppose that each was in general directed to proceed cautiously forward, feeling for the enemy, in order to obtain at once a knowledge of the country and the positions of the rebels.

A battalion of the Second Iowa Cavalry, (Col. EGGER), under command of Major LOWE, was ordered to proceed down a road, which leads nearly southeast from Farmington, and reaches the railroad running from Corinth, at a point some four miles from the former place. The gallant Iowans started off in handsome style, and soon after entered the timber and disappeared. About two hours after, they came back, looking considerably the "worse for wear"—very much, in fact, as a good-looking, well-dressed individual would appear after indulging in a rough-and-tumble free fight, of two hours' duration, with a crowd of Mississippi raftsmen. They came in by squads, some with their heads tied up in handkerchiefs, some with their unprotected locks tossed loosely by the unmannerly winds—all in a plight which indicated that something had happened.

I soon gathered the particulars. After leaving Farmington, they had proceeded along the road they were directed to follow without meeting anybody for some two or three miles. Suddenly they came upon a squad of the rebel videttes, to whom they gave vigorous chase, with a result which showed that, as to wind and bottom, there was but little difference between rebels running and Nationals chasing. Within half a mile of the railroad the pursuing party halted, and, leaving a small party to act as pickets, they retraced their steps toward Farmington.

Entirely unsuspicious of any scurvy tricks upon the part of the chivalry, they were slowly pushing ahead through a muddy bottom, when, suddenly, they were astonished by receiving the contents of some eight hundred rifles and shot-guns from the dense, impenetrable undergrowth which lined both sides of the road.

Such an event, especially if wholly unexpected, is calculated to very seriously disturb anyone's self-possession, and it had precisely that effect in the present case. Such a place is the better the sooner it is evacuated, a fact which Iowa was not slow to perceive, and act upon. Revolvers came out as spurs went in, and then, to music which rang out from pistol and carbine, they hurried from this most undesirable spot.

One Lieutenant was surrounded by the yelling and exultant rebels; in another instant a half dozen of his faithful followers turned, and with their whirling sabres cleared a lane to his side, through which he bounded, and the next moment, followed by a shower of lead, turned a bend in the road and was free.

How many were killed and how many taken prisoners in this little *emeute*, is not yet known. The loss will not probably prove to be as serious as was at first supposed.

The other bodies of cavalry proceeded in various directions, meeting rebels at every turn, and having an interesting and exciting time in chasing them as near Corinth as anticipations of masked batteries and other occasion man-traps would permit. The casualties were very few, amounting in all on our side to not more than three killed, among whom, as is remored, is Major ARMAY, of the Seventh Illinois Cavalry, shot through the head just below his right eye.

STANLEY and PAINE proceeded cautiously ahead till they reached within about two miles of Corinth, when they first woke up the enemy in force. Upon a ridge, covered by a peach orchard, the rebels had a four-gun battery, from which they opened fire on STANLEY's skirmishers come upon an opposite ridge a short distance away. The main body of the division was led into the ravine, where they comfortably disposed themselves to rest, while the enemy passed the time in vigorously shelling a point some thousand yards or so beyond them. After the character of the ground was well examined, the Division was drawn off and marched back to Farmington. They had scarcely left, when the rebels discovered that they had been firing too high. Accordingly, they altered their range, and five minutes after our troops were out, they commenced dropping shells, with admirable precision, into the very spot occupied by the Nationals, and which they continued doing for two hours after the last Yankee had left the vicinity. The casualties on our side were very few—that of the enemy is of course unknown.

Gen. PAINE, on the right of STANLEY, also woke up some rebel guns, whose position he ascertained, together with the character of the surrounding country, (composed mainly of bottomless swamps) and then withdrew, having sustained a very inconsiderable loss.

When the firing first commenced on STANLEY's Division, Dr. TURNER, Surgeon of the Twenty-seventh Ohio, returned a short distance to hurry up an assistant with his instruments, after which he was not seen. It is supposed that he was captured by some rebel horsemen, who were not long before seen in the immediate vicinity. He was a very talented man, and will be deeply regretted, both as a gentleman and a surgeon, by every man in his regiment.

This afternoon the telegraph was completed to a house in Farmington, to which Gen. POPE will to-morrow take up his quarters. This evening all the troops have returned to camp except two brigades, which are bivouacked at Farmington.

Several rebel deserters came in to-day, all of whom gave BRAGG's force at about 100,000 men, who, they say, are prepared for a desperate resistance.

The reconnoissance to-day has been successful, so far as giving us an exact knowledge of the country is concerned, while, considering the opposition it encountered, the losses are remarkably small.

Gen. TYLER, of Connecticut, has assumed command of the Second Brigade of STANLEY's Division, formerly commanded by Col. JAMES GARFIELD, of the Thirty-sixth Ohio.

The weather here is now delightful. Strawberries are in great abundance and nearly ripe—the peach trees are loaded down with fruit, already half grown. The farmers are planting nothing—many have left their homes, others have remained, but are generally in a thoroughly destitute condition. One family near here, consisting of a man, his wife, two sisters and nine children, represented to Gen. STANLEY to-day that they were in a starving condition, not having had a particle to eat in two days. Rations were given them, and as long as the army remains in the vicinity, they will be supported by the Government. Every house in Farmington, save one, is deserted, the inhabitants leaving left for Dixie to escape the dread presence of the Northern Hessians. The whole country is fast becoming a desert, and will become completely so if the rebellion be not speedily ended.

Cotton is found in considerable quantities, for which purchasers are paying the owners from 8 to 10 cents in gold per pound. GALWAY.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Another Storm—Distinguished Visitors—Affairs in Norfolk—Trade Regulations There, &c.

FORTRESS MONROE, Thursday, May 15.
OLD BALTIMORE, Friday, May 16.

A cold northeast wind, accompanied with a rain storm, has set in.

In consequence of the storm there is no dispatch to Cherrystone this afternoon.

Secretary SEWARD and Secretary WELLES, and Attorney-General BATES arrived here this morning, and proceeded to Norfolk with Commodore GOLDSBOROUGH.

Gen. WOOL also visited Norfolk to-day. All is quiet there.

Orders have been issued by Gen. WOOL prohibiting the sale or distribution of newspapers in Norfolk or the surrounding country; also prohibiting the transportation there of supplies or merchandise of any kind, whether by sutlers or otherwise; and also prohibiting officers, soldiers and citizens from visiting the city except on business connected with the troops belonging to the Department of Virginia.

We understand that the embargo upon travel to Fortress Monroe from Baltimore will soon be removed, and free transit to and fro resumed.

Adams Express Company having secured a location, will open an office in Norfolk to-day.

Lieut. CHANCELLOR, one of the most useful members of the Staff of Gen. WOOL, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SHENANDOAH.

STRASBURG, Friday, May 16.

A continuous stream of Union residents of the valley are pouring into town, under the mistaken belief that our army is retreating, and a knowledge that detachments of rebel cavalry are visiting every farm-house, impressing all males between fifteen and sixty.

The Secessionists along the route to Harrisburgh say that JACKSON will not attempt to follow us.

Yesterday afternoon a band of about 200 mounted guerrillas made a dash on the railroad guard beyond Front Royal, and killed one and took fourteen prisoners, all belonging to the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania.

The railroad bridge, 50 feet high and 200 feet long, over the north fork of the Shenandoah was completed to-night. The track will be laid and trains will pass to-morrow forenoon. The work was constructed in forty hours, under the superintendence of G. W. NAGLE, Government bridge-builder.

All is quiet in front to-night. It is currently reported that MEADE and SCHENK are in occupation of Staunton.

THE BLOCKADING SERVICE.

Prizes Captured on the South Carolina Coast.

WASHINGTON, Friday, May 16.

The Navy Department has information that on the 1st inst., Acting Volunteer Lieut. NICKELS, of the *Onward*, dispatched Acting-Master STARKEY in his vessel's launch in chase of the schooner *Sarah*, about 100 tons burden, endeavoring to run the blockade of Bull's Bay on the coast of South Carolina. Her crew thereupon ran her ashore and burned her, themselves escaping.

On the 6th, the United States gunboat *Ottawa* captured the rebel schooner *C. C. Pinckney* from Charleston, for Nassau, with ninety-four bales of cotton, rosin, &c.

On the night of the 8th, the *Alabama* ran a schooner on shore at Light-House Inlet. Next day, the *Peacehouse* endeavored to get to her, but could not as she was under protection of the guns of the shore batteries.

LATE EVENTS ON THE PENINSULA.

THE BATTLE OF WILLIAMSBURGH.

A Tribute to the Conspicuous Gallantry of Hooker's and Kearney's Divisions.

DISPATCH FROM GENERAL MCCLELLAN.

Interesting Details from Our Own Correspondents.

CAMP 10 MILES NEAR WILLIAMSBURGH, May 13.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Without waiting further for official reports which have not yet reached me, I wish to bear testimony to the splendid conduct of HOOKER's and KEARNEY's Divisions, under command of Gen. HEINTZELMAN, in the battle of Williamsburgh. Their bearing was worthy of veterans. HOOKER's Division for hours gallantly withstood the attack of greatly superior numbers with very heavy loss. KEARNEY's arrived in time to restore the fortunes of the day, and came most gallantly into action. I shall probably have occasion to call attention to other commands, and do not wish to do injustice to them by mentioning them now. If I had had the full information I now have in regard to the troops above named when I first telegraphed, they would have been specially mentioned and commended. I spoke only of what I knew at the time, and I shall rejoice to do full justice to all engaged. GEO. B. MCCLELLAN,

Major-General Commanding.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

THE VICTORY AT WILLIAMSBURGH—THE FARM TAKEN BY HOOKER'S BRIGADE AND THE ELEVENTH MASSACHUSETTS.

CAMP AT WILLIAMSBURGH, VA., Friday, May 9, 1862.

Our victory before Williamsburgh, judging from the accounts in newspapers which have come to hand, as late as May 6, has been by far too highly estimated. It was no ordinary achievement, and the record to be made will prove that it was a daring, desperate and sanguinary struggle. From the first the engagement promised a victory for the rebel arms, had not, for the astonishing perseverance and energy of Gen. HOOKER, and the persistency and bravery of his First Brigade, would have so resulted. The delay of a few moments in the advance of our reinforcements would have consummated our defeat.

The march of Sunday from YORKTOWN, by the gallant Brigade, which was in advance, was not concluded until 12 o'clock at night, when the troops halted in a clearing in the woods, about two miles from the enemy. At daylight, next morning, the march was resumed, and notwithstanding the rain, which had been falling heavily since 3 o'clock A. M., the men sprang to arms with cheerful alacrity at the first summons. At 5½ o'clock we came in sight of the enemy's principal fortifications, directly in front of us, and commanding the road, across which it was built, while fort after fort stretched away to the right, to the left, and far into the distant background.

Immediately before us, and stretching away to the right and left of the road, was a large field of felled timber and brush, and beyond a plain extending for miles and checkered with breastworks, forts and rifle-pits. On coming in sight of the enemy, the brigade was deployed into the woods and through the fallen trees to the right of the fort, and were instantly engaged by the rebels. We had no artillery with us, its advance being slow on account of the bad state of the roads. The enemy commenced shelling us soon after coming into the field, and through the iron missiles flew thick and fast, we held our position undaunted and unbroken. It was soon ascertained that the enemy were lurking in the woods and brush in front of us, and skirmishing parties were immediately dispatched by regiments, and frequently relieved by others, in order to keep the troops fresh as possible, and to enable us, to retain our position until the artillery should come up and reinforcements arrive.

The enemy were found to be in heavy numbers against us in the woods—probably four to one—and when the Eleventh Massachusetts, under Col. BARNES, engaged them in the centre, they found themselves subjected to a galling fire from every bush and tree, but with unbroken ranks his brave men delivered him, leading, firing and charging with a cool and deliberate calmness. On, on, step by step, the resistlessly irrisistible regiment pressed its way, and pushed, pushing, through thick and swamp and briar, mounting the enemy's vast barricade, and driving before them the skulking foe, with a fury which completely overcame all opposition. It was the hour of a life spoke of exploits commemorated by the regiment during the day, and the General Commanding took occasion to applaud it on the battle-field.

Suddenly a regiment died out in front of the advancing Eleventh, bearing a flag of truce. All firing instantly ceased, and the enemy was allowed to approach within speaking distance, when the inquiry was made by them, "What regiment are you?" Without answering the inquiry, the same inquiry was made upon the enemy, who replied, "We are the Eighth Alabama." "And we are the Eleventh Massachusetts," was the rejoinder. "Then you're the d—d sons of —— we want!" and the white flag was instantly thrown down, and a volley of musketry poured into them along their whole line, killing and wounding several of our men. The Eleventh, with unmoved impulse, immediately charged upon the treacherous horde, and sent them flying into the woods, where they were shot down and bayoneted at our mercy. The Eleventh were soon relieved, and at 9½ o'clock the cheering and shouting of the men in the rear told us our artillery were coming up.

It proved to be Company E, of the regulars, with a battery of six pieces, who immediately advanced to the front, near the open plain, while STANLEY's Excelsior Brigade, coming up, deployed into the woods on the left, where they found a numerous enemy, endeavoring to turn our left flank. The enemy at the same time were constantly bringing new troops into the field, and were pressing heavily upon the First Brigade at the right—on hands, for dead, that symptoms of faltering were especially manifest in one or two regiments; and one, with I will not mention, was retreating rapidly to the rear, when the Eleventh Massachusetts again took position among them, and stayed the tide, which was rolling against it, and threatening seriously the fortunes of the day. The Second New-Hampshire, and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Regiments, had done fearful execution, and suffered severely, especially the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania.

For four hours had this Brigade now held in check the enemy, and the bravery displayed has but little parallel. The odds against them was fearful, and was swelling alarmingly every moment. Col. BARNES was met with a detachment of seven companies of his regiment to request Gen. SMITH, who, with a large force, was lying about three miles from the scene of action, and to rouse the woods in the rear.

On the approach of our battery the enemy threw out in front of the road a large force of cavalry to charge upon it; but were deterred, probably, through ignorance of the small force we held in reserve. Our guns immediately engaged the foe, and in

[illegible] retreated in drawing the enemy's fire from our infantry, which was now becoming most energetically engaged. It was apparent the enemy's forces greatly outnumbered ours, and that not only the woods, but the fallen timber, were filled with rebel riflemen and infantry. Still the struggle progressed, while many a doubtful eye glanced anxiously back in the vain hope of discovering the reinforcements which should long hours before have reached us. The rain still poured down in torrents. The enemy were every moment growing bolder, fiercer and more numerous, and, in one or two instances, evidence was afforded that the courage and strength of some of our troops were wavering.

Our batteries, which had up to this time (about 4½ o'clock) been lustily firing, suddenly found themselves in danger of being surrounded, and left their pieces, which could almost open by the enemy. Adjt. Simon F. Gregory, of the Eleventh Massachusetts, who was in command of the left wing of that regiment, with the Fourth on the right, reached from their position on the Hogpen road, where their charge drove the enemy from the guns, but not until they had succeeded in spiking one of the pieces. They were held in check for two hours, while the guns could be [illegible] with grape and canister, which was poured into the enemy with terrible effect. But the ammunition was soon exhausted, and our artillery could no longer hold in check the advance of the enemy along the road. The horses were cut loose and killed, to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy, and the guns for a time abandoned, but were held against the enemy by the Eleventh, until relieved by another battery. The ammunition of one or two of our infantry regiments was also so nearly expended that but two or three rounds remained, when a supply at length came, and bringing forward through the mud.

The firing was now becoming hotter and better and better, and the New-Jersey Brigade, which had arrived and engaged the enemy on the left of the road, began to fall back foot by foot, but with faces to the front and firing desperately as they retreated. The woods were swarming with rebels. Still no sounds of reinforcements broke on our ears. The Eleventh Massachusetts was again called upon to support the left, which was giving way before the superior force opposed to them. The officers now, however, restored confidence—a confidence in which themselves had little faith, beyond maintaining good order until they could withdraw or be reinforced. The Eleventh at length came up to the scene of the doubtful conflict with the left, and with a cheer and shout they rushed upon the foe, who in turn broke and ran in disorder before them. But they, too, quickly rallied and surged back upon us. It was now half past 4, and the rebels were everywhere against us, and our dead and wounded were swelling in numbers rapidly. Gen. Franklin had sent more reinforcements, though hours had passed since word had been forwarded him, and the battle became short of the battle; and to add to our darkening prospects, it was discovered that the rebels were stealing stealthily and cautiously around our flank, and had nearly accomplished that purpose, when the Eleventh Massachusetts, which was posted at the extreme left, by a quick, unexpected and skillful movement, threw themselves bravely against the head of the strong column, which recoiled, shooting terribly from the unexpected shock. Twice had this gallant regiment, headed by its cool, keen-sighted and vigilant Colonel, preserved the fortune of the day, and now again displayed a valor and energy which had a wonderful effect upon his troops. He was everywhere among the bravest and foremost, inspiring his men with his own indomitable courage. For two hours the battle raged with impetuous fury. The enemy were throwing into our devoted ranks shot and shell in rapid succession, while their infantry were constantly receiving reinforcements. The woods appeared like one vast rebel beehive. Heavy masses would break upon our ears upon the right of our line, and the hasty and broken flight of the enemy along this wing told us that reinforcements had arrived and were pitching in vigorously. Gens. Kearney and Hiseldelman had arrived, and cheer upon cheer rent the air.

It was now 4½ o'clock, and still the fighting on the left raged furously; and it was not until night drew its sable curtain down from their chosen and fortunately protected field behind their fortifications on the Williamsburg road. The rout was complete, and the hard-contested field our own. Their retreat was immediately and continued throughout the night, and when morning broke no living sign of the enemy was visible in our immediate vicinity.

Our prisoners, some four hundred in number, represent no less than thirty-five different regiments, which plainly shows that, up to 4½ o'clock, our little force of 10,000 were opposed by not less than 32,000 rebels. They were representatives of nearly all the Southern States. Many of them, when taken, had on their persons and some were our New-Jersey knapsacks, which indicates that our dead were plundered. The enemy were sadly in need of clothing, and were a ragged-looking class ever seen together in one army.

From the best information I have been enabled to gain, it appears that had we not pressed so closely upon the enemy's rear, this battle would not have occurred. But five thousand had been left of the rebel army of eighty thousand to guard the rear, but Gen. Johnson, hearing the firing at a distance of ten miles, came back at least twenty-seven thousand reinforcements, and these were held in check at least an hour and a half by our gallant First Brigade, under Gen. Hooker.

Prisoners are being continually sent back into Williamsburgh, which is now occupied by this same New-Jersey Brigade, under Gen. Grover. Thirty were sent in today, among whom were two or three officers. Upward of 1,000 of the enemy were killed and wounded, and 400 taken prisoners. Seven hundred of the rebels were found upon the field, and buried in one day succeeding the battle. The loss on our side, though heavy, will not reach that number.

Gen. Grover has been appointed Military Governor of Williamsburgh. ARGUS.

SCENES ON THE BATTLE-FIELD—BARBARISM OF THE REBELS—THE LOSS.

Correspondence of the New-York Times:

CAMP AT WILLIAMSBURGH, VA., Saturday, April 10, 1862.

The battle-field at this place, on the morning of the second day following, presented a most sickening spectacle. Hundreds of men, friends and foes, mangled and horribly disfigured, lay dead and even dying, heaped in groups of six or eight, awaiting burial, and scattered about promiscuously among the pines and brush. One, a rebel, hung dangling in agony in a tree-top, where he met his fate by a shell bursting as it entangled his body from his own artillery. Whole circles of clotted blood lay around the trunks of trees, while close beside, the newly-filled graves marked the resting-place of the victim. The enemy buried with no preparation in trenches, while our dead were carefully wrapped in blankets and laid tenderly down to rest. Horses lay dead and cold across over the plain, killed by the bursting shell and bullets.

In one of the forts was found a dying wretch, striving with the scattered crumb to gather over him the blanket in which he lay, spurning all proffered kindness, and turning from his disfigured lips vengeance upon Yankee vitals. Forty dead rebels were found in and around the principal fort. Lieut.-Col. Lewis, in command of the Fifth Alabama Regiment, and formerly Member of the Senate from that State, was found upon the field, pierced with bullets. Major Isaac Jackson of the Eighth New-Jersey Volunteers, who was a prisoner after being wounded, was found upon the field. His brains had been knocked out by the rebel foe. Other acts of barbarous atrocity, too sickening to record, were practiced upon our soldiers after falling into their hands. Among the rebel dead was a young Indian, of most beautiful features. He lay by the roadside, with his long, black, glossy hair waving in the breeze, pierced in his naked breast by three balls, which, in his hand, which is by far the most fatal of any ammunition used in the service. A great many of our killed were found to have been stripped of their clothing and boots. Two were found lying together in the woods, each having the other's bayonet plunged through his body.

Scarcely half a mile in from the woods, which are remarkably clear of underbrush, the soil is dotted with graves. The trees are scarred with bullet-marks, and broken and shattered by shells and shot, while blood is shown in every direction with clothing, cartridges, haversacks, cartridge-boxes and other trappings of the soldier. In one small hollow, no larger around than a man's wrist, I counted twelve rebel bullet-holes, within a range of six feet from the ground, larger trees being perforated in proportion. Hundreds and hundreds lay loosely about, of piled up logs, some in hundreds, some of which were hewn, some whole, and shattered, and even pierced by cannon-shot and bullet. Everything indicated that this battle was the most desperate of any yet recorded in this campaign.

From reports handed in it appears that previous estimates of our loss in killed and wounded have been the light by far. Twenty-eye hundred is not far within the correct number, being about one-fifth more than was reported by the enemy. Very many of our wounded have since died, and many more will never again see their brothers' homes.

The morning after the battle, the picture upon the road leading from Yorktown hither, presented a succession of the most exciting scenes. Wagons upon wagons, ammunition trains, provision trains, camp and garrison equipages, cavalry, artillery and infantry, all jumbled along the miry road in a confused and indiscriminate mass throughout the entire day; then came the stragglers from the ranks, and the minor phraseology of camp necessities and conveniences.

Here comes a stubbed Dutchman, waddling through the mud with ponderous knapsack, and who has been detained in the rear by his "leetle toe," which pants along in fidelity by his side. Another, with a countenance of intelligence and bearing which marks an acquaintance with more refined circles, comes along with a small pig strung upon a pole and laid across his shoulders. Ambulances are coming down from the advance and pressing their way to the rear, bearing many a disabled soldier to the hospitals at Yorktown, unable to find room nearer the field of battle, while many a poor wounded fellow, for want of conveyance, slips unnoticed, faint and faltering, through the tangled mass, or falling from a momentary weakness, drags himself to the roadside, and stretches himself out beneath the weeping skies, where he finds, perhaps, a shadowy shelter beneath the great-coat of some Samaritan soldier who goes in pity past.

Such glimpses as these are caught in the crowd, which slowly and with constant interruption, tolled onward to and from the field of battle.

It is a week to-day since Gen. McClellan's army commenced their march from before Yorktown; and day and night since the roads have been crowded with teams, divisions, brigades, cavalry and artillery, who are pressing forward to join the advance on the banks of the Chickahominy River, about 12 miles from here. The First Brigade of Gen. Hooker's Division, under the command of Gen. Grover, and which behaved so gallantly in the late battle, are resting in the rear of the town, and well do the brave men merit their repose. It will be remembered this brigade has been under the enemy's fire all the past Winter, at Budd's Ferry, Maryland. ARGUS.

GEN. PECK AND HIS BRIGADE.

FORT MAGRUDER, NEAR WILLIAMSBURGH, VA., Tuesday, May 6, 1862.

Just after closing my letter to you on the 4th, we received marching orders, and at 3 P. M. moved off—the weather, too, the roads indescribably bad. The troops forced their way through the mud nine or ten miles, leaving our ammunition and baggage trains sticking in the mud along the road, halted a little after dark, and lay down on the wet ground. A heavy rain set in, completely drenching everything. At daylight we moved on, without waiting for meat, bread or baggage, made a forced march of about ten miles further. The mud and wet blankets on the overloaded men were too much for any but the very strongest, and many gave out or lingered behind from very exhaustion. Our brigade was far back in the long line when the cannon several miles in advance told us the head of the column was up with the enemy. We pressed on, and soon came to a large *plantation with eight quickened roads, through which it* was most difficult to move our artillery or even to march our men without halting. We forced our way over the opening to the centre of the long line in action. Hiseldelman was blazing away on the right, and Hooker on the left, with rather a weak fire in the centre, which Gen. Peck was ordered to support. We dashed into the woods, and met the skirmishers falling back. We passed over roads cut by the enemy, the exact range of which they well understood, and into which they sent the shot and shell. After a mile and a half of woods we came to another similar clash; and then beyond and directly in our front stood the red banks of Fort Magruder, filled with his rebel army, under the command of Gen. Johnston. We worked up to the clash, took the borders of the woods and opened fire. The rebels, feeling the effects renewed their efforts. A park of artillery, in the front, belched out their fire and thunder, the rifle pits sent their leaden messengers from a cleared space in front of the fort, over which the cannon were playing; and close up to the clash a stockade—a most formidable breastwork, lined with infantry, at shortrange—showered in the bullets. Arranging for such a contest, under such a fire, with hungry and tired out troops, was no easy matter. But it was soon done—quickly and well done. Several times the enemy, perfectly understanding the ground, rushed up and attempted to drive us back. But Peck's Brigade "had taken their stand, away down South in Dixie," and would not go back. The very coming of the enemy helped to defeat themselves and shield us. Two to three rods of this heavy pine forest gave us a vast protection and shelter, and a splendid chance for bush fighting. Before we fairly got into action, the enemy made a bold dash upon the battery under Gen. Hooker, just to our left, and actually carried it. Every horse was killed. But Hooker's men rallied. Peck's Brigade gave them a cross fire that sent them skulking to their pits. For a short time their fire was slackened. Then, as if they would be revenged for their loss, they gather all their force and dash at us again. From the nature of the ground we could bring no battery to our aid. It was a difficult matter, even for a good horse, to work his way through the swamp, and we had to depend entirely on our infantry. And well it worked. Never did green troops behave better. The crashing and falling timber, the pattering of the balls, as they came glancing from tree to tree, made it a most fearful place to stay, and in truth I must say for you, now that I am not afraid of the truth, there were several times indications that our boys would feel a little safer to put more of those trees in front of them. On one occasion this was so apparent that our little General jumped off from old *Topsy*, leaving him in the tangled brush, and, revolver in hand, rushed forward, calling on the men to hold every inch of their ground. They immediately rallied, recovered their ground, and held it until the last cartridge had been fired, and the infantry and rifle pits of the enemy grew dim in the twilight. As night came on we held the centre of the battle-field, but without a round of ammunition. But there had been enough. The rebels were willing to quit, and did quit under cover of darkness. Fresh troops with ammunition were moved up to the front, and lay on their arms. We fell back a few rods, built camp fires, dried our drenched clothes, counted over our day's work, and prepared for another to-day. Horses and mules were sent off to bring up ammunition. All lay down and slept soundly, having a few pine bushes for beds, to keep us above water, and the pine knots to dry out the soaking rain that continued until morning.

We were all up before daylight, and all ready for a breakfast or a fight; but we had neither—the commissary stores not having come up and the rebels having run away, Peck's Brigade having done the handsome thing yesterday, marched upon the bloody field, the dead lying thick in ditch, in pits, and in the midst of the fallen timber. The fort, the fields, and the roads for miles, were strewn with dead men and horses. It was a sight to see. The rain had ceased, the battle was over, and the sun came out warm and lovely as May. Look up and away, the fields were green and the forests blooming and beautiful. But look to the ground, how many noble forms lay there cut, mangled, and cold in death. Thousands went peering through the woods picking up the dead and wounded left on the field, when darkness closed the fight.

I will not describe the scene where the death-struggle for Hooker's Battery occurred. Take the bloodiest spot in our battles—that is its description.

I must close by saying to the friends of Gen. Peck, at home and elsewhere, he has not disappointed them in his valuable military experience and soldierly conduct yesterday, under most trying circumstances. He was cool and plucky to the backbone, and has done honor to himself, as you will hear long before this reaches you, if justice is done—for he held the field, turned a defeat into a victory, protected his own command, and hurt more of the enemy than any other Brigadier in the fight. X.

RETREAT FROM A PRIVATE LETTER FROM AN OFFICER WHO WAS ENGAGED.

WILLIAMSBURGH, VA., Thursday, May 8, 1862.

We have had rather a severe affair. It was only by good fortune that Hooker's Division was saved from a Bull Run panic. They had stood, after a fashion, from after 9 until near 3 o'clock, when Gen. Kearney came up. It was by accident that he did so, for all in this army is favoritism, intrigue and confusion. Gen. Heintzelman, as stupid as antediluvian, although perhaps not a coward, keeps awfully at a distance from battle. He had given Gen. Kearney, on the 4th inst., with confused and half-way orders, that having gone off and left him in doubt, Gen. Kearney broke up camp at 4 P. M., and marched through Yorktown, and encamped there and a half miles beyond, only to get a sure command to halt. In like manner the next day he was left without orders, when, for the security of Gen. McClellan's plans, he sent back to let him know where he was, and the reply came "to go on." Heintzelman forgot him in toto. Gen. Kearney moved about 9 A. M., but soon came on masses of troops and endless baggage, that had gone ahead the preceding day, intercepting his division from Hooker's. Gen. Sumner gave him orders to push through—almost an impossibility—still, it was accomplished at last. His command got into action near 3 P. M. All was craven fear around. Hooker had lost all but seven cannon, several companies had been taken prisoners, badly, and he himself was driven back. Cartridges had given out, and all but a few staunch fellows refused to fight, while the enemy was encouraged, and rained fire from their rifle-pits, abattis and forts. Kearney's division entered the fight awfully fatigued, and from the first made the enemy see that they would take no denial to advance; but it was slow and rather desperate work forcing the abattis—the easy one skulking, and the fewer held ones having been fearfully cut up. Gen. Kearney, the only officer mounted, (except those of his Staff, whom he did not expose any more than he could help,) was a sure mark, as he cheered the men, springing his bay charger over the timber, or worrying him through it.

The night was very vicious, and in as calm possession of the field as a quiet, drizzly rain would grow superlative, blankets were not to be. We bivouacked on the field. Gen. Kearney, on going into the fight, had taken off his India-rubber cape that he might be the more easily recognized by those he has to order, and in the confusion he was unable to find it again, so he camped with the rest of us by a splendid fire made from the logs, which had encircled the enemy during the fight. The General made five charges on that day; and more than all, had to do it, for the enemy were as arrogant as our friends of Hooker's Division were chop-fallen; and, in fact, they had had a long fight of it, although they blundered in most stupidly.

Gen. Hooker lost two of his Aids—one a charming youth of 19, a marked character, who left West Point expressly to join him in the field, and who has stood ever since as his private aid. He lies buried in a lovely spot, an old Virginia church-yard.

REPORT OF BRIG.-GEN. BIRNEY.

HEADQUARTERS BIRNEY'S BRIGADE, KEARNEY'S DIVISION, Camp near Williamsburgh, Va., May 8, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to report that after a wearisome march of six hours on yesterday, through deep mud and drenching rain, my brigade being heavily burdened with knapsacks, haversacks and shelter-tents, I received an order from Gen. Kearney to relieve the troops under my command from all incumbrances, and move forward to the scene of action. Some three miles distant, as rapidly as possible. Leaving under guard all incumbrances, the brigade, although jaded and wearied, moved forward as rapidly as the roads would permit. On nearing the front by order of Gen. Heintzelman, through Capt. McKenzie, I detached the Third and Fourth Maine Regiments, and proceeded with the Thirty-eighth and Fortieth New-York Regiments to the front. When I reached the front, under Gen. Kearney's orders, I deployed the Thirty-eighth and right wing of the Fortieth New-York Regiments to the right of the road, and relieved, successively, fragments of regiments that had been in the fight. They searched steadily to the front, and drove the enemy, after a furious contest, from the woods. They fell back over fallen timber, and opened a destructive fire from rifle-pits. They were supported by their batteries, which poured a well aimed and destructive fire into our ranks. The Thirty-eighth and right wing of Fortieth New-York behaved nobly, and maintained their position. During the contest, the Thirty-eighth New-York Regiment, under Col. Ward, were ordered to charge down the main road in advance of the Michigan regiments, and, piercing the enemy's centre, to carry the rifle pits by the bank, and the left wing of Col. Riker's regiment, (Fortieth New-York,) were ordered in like manner to follow the Thirty-eighth New-York, to take the enemy in the rear. I sent with this wing Capt. Mitman, of my Staff, and under Gen. Kearney's presence he led them to the dangerous position *assigned them. Capt. Graves, of the left wing, and* Capt. Mitman, behaved well under the terrible fire that greeted them, and led the brave officers and men under them gallantly and worthily. Night coming on, put an end to the pursuit, and, amidst the darkness and rain, we hailed the morning. During the night the Third and Fourth Maine regiments, that had been ordered to the front, detached by order of Gen. Hermandman, reported to me for duty in front, and by order of Gen. Kearney, I moved them to the front, to relieve the Thirty-eighth and Fortieth New-York regiments. I pushed them on the enemy's works, found them deserted, and troops to the left of us in possession. My brigade has lost several gallant officers and many brave men in this contest. An accurate report you will find a list of killed, wounded and missing.

Where so much gallantry was displayed, it is difficult to select the most deserving of notice. To Col. Ward, Capts. Mitman and Graves, fell the good fortune to lead the most important charges, and they were well supported by the gallant officers and men under them. Col. Riker maintained well his position, and executed the orders with coolness and efficiency. The loss of the rebels in front of my regiment was terrible; those that remained on the ground, some forty, were decently buried. The Thirty-eighth New-York Regiment, or "Scott Life Guard," preserved well the high reputation it gained for gallantry at Bull Run, and although in that engagement and in this it has lost fifteen officers and one-third of its members, it is still ready to devote the balance to support our flag. I ask that Congress will, by special resolution, authorize this regiment to place upon its flag, "Bull Run" and "Williamsburgh," and the Fortieth New-York, or Mozart Regiment, "Williamsburgh." I trust that the General commanding division, seeing how well two of my regiments carried out his orders, will never hesitate to rely on my brigade.

Lieut.-Col. Beacon, Thirty-eighth New-York Regiment, deserves special mention for his gallant conduct. His wound, although disabling him, I am happy to report is not mortal, and he will be soon returned to his regiment. I am, yours truly,

D. B. BIRNEY, Brigadier-General.

Lieut. W. G. Stearns, A. A. General, Kearney's Division.

A RECONNOISSANCE UP THE MATTAPONY.

VOYAGE OF THE COAST-SURVEY SCHOONER CORWIN—UNION REFUGEES FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

In an official report to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, Lieutenant-Commanding T. S. Phelps states:

"Upon my second arrival at West Point, at 9½ P. M., Capt. Shankland, of the *Currituck*, reported that he had landed and hoisted the Union flag, and had found about fifty prisoners of the rebels (mostly women and children) living in a horrid condition, in sheds, and without the common necessaries of life. These people were residents of Elizabeth City County, and sent here, by Gen. Magruder, on account of their Union proclivities. I at once decided to remain and hold possession of the place, protect the people, and prevent a further destruction of property by the rebels, until the arrival of the Commanding officer of the Naval Division."

Lieut. Phelps, in the coast-survey steamer *Corwin*, penetrated up the Mattapony, thirty-six miles above West Point, finding white flags hoisted on both shores of the river, and the people generally apparently pleased to see the Union flag once more among them.

THE BATTLE OF WEST POINT.

The Newark *Advertiser* gives a prominent place to a letter dated "on the Pamunkey, May 10," which it says was written by an officer high in command in the First New-Jersey Brigade, who was a witness of what he describes. He writes:

"At 9 A. M., Tuesday, May 6, Franklin's Division steamed from Yorktown, up the York River to West Point, its head, its banks lined with fine farms, dotted with houses, some of them very large, white flags here and there seen waved by the hands of women. Bieler's house, its face almost entirely covered by an immense Union flag nailed against it, and a lady seen waving a white flag from a window above it. The *sight was most refreshing!* It was the mill of this gentleman (Bieler) that was seen burning this morning, the work doubtless of the rebels, on account of the Union principles of the proprietor. The division arrived at the head of the river at about 2 o'clock; soon after commenced the descent upon the land.

In consequence of the shallowness of the approach, pontoon boats and scows had to be used. Operations were therefore slow; but all had probably landed by midnight. The rebels did not in the least dispute our landing. Pickets were immediately thrown out into the woods in front, and the roads leading to the landing examined, and trees felled across to obstruct the enemy. The pickets occasionally engaged each other during the night, but we had but two or three men shot. That night few of the officers or men got any sleep.

At 2½ o'clock the next morning the whole division were under arms to meet the rebels; at sunrise, none appearing, they were dismissed. At 5½ o'clock information that the enemy was approaching was received. All the troops turned out again in order of battle, and marched to meet him. The Geoline Zouaves, (Pennsylvania,) New-York Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Maine Fifth were ordered to take the advance; the New-Jersey Brigade, handsomely arranged in battalion in line, formed in column, the *beautiful* colors of each regiment unfurled, following them up as a reserve. The Fourth New-Jersey having in its front a marsh, and immediately on its far side a woods, from which the enemy could fire upon it with advantage, Col. Sumner ordered his fine body of men to throw over the creek a bridge, a work of a few moments, and his regiment, by direction of Col. Taylor, took possession of the woods, and were strongly posted behind a ravine, ready to deliver a telling fire upon the rebels on their first appearance, and the contingency of the Fifth Maine, immediately in front, being driven back. No such contingency, however, occurred.

The firing was very sharp at times, and continued from about 8 A. M. till 2 P. M. The batteries on land and water did effective service in throwing shell in cooperation with the infantry fire. Hexamer's Battery showed to advantage. We lost in killed and wounded about 195, and about 80 prisoners. The New-Jersey Brigade, being held as a reserve, lost no men. The loss of the enemy is not known, except that a Colonel, Lieut.-Col. Brent, (Texas Regular,) and as it is believed from the statement of the citizens, the graves and the blood, a large number of other officers and men must have been killed and wounded. That evening, the First New-Jersey Brigade relieved the troops in advance, and lay on their arms all night in line of battle, behind a fence, ready to receive the enemy on his approach, to be indicated by the pickets immediately in front. He, however, did not come.

By daylight the next morning the brigade was ordered forward, the First, Second and Third New-Jersey Regiments acting as skirmishers, and the Fourth as a reserve. Our troops swept the ground in their front, and advanced to the hill from which the rebels the day before had attempted to shell our gunboats and transports. Here was found the house of a Mr. Thurberaks, from which the family had hastily fled, leaving all their furniture, a mule in the stable, a carriage, cart, poultry, &c., &c., which Col. Taylor told Col. Sumner to occupy. About the grounds could be seen the fragments of shells which had been fired, probably from our gunboats; a tree had its top taken entirely off; near the house was some fresh earth, which, on opening, was found to cover an immense shell which had buried itself deep in the ground and not exploded. The Brigade remained there till about noon, when the First, Second and Third, by direction of Col. Taylor, returned to the landing, and the Fourth remained to picket in the advance during the day and night.

Cols. Taylor and Sumner then reconnoitered the roads around for the purpose of establishing the pickets to the best advantage, and company A, (Capt. Menes,) being placed in sight of the enemy's picket, some sixty or seventy cavalry. In the afternoon, Col. Sumner not deeming Capt. Menes strong enough, (Major Birney, Quartermaster Hazzard, and Chaplain Gage, in company,) advanced forward with Capt. Farrar's Company, K, along the road to Barhamsville—when, seeing a large cavalry force approaching, and the probability being they were the enemy, as none of our cavalry had gone out so far, he ordered Farrar to march his company behind the fence and to be ready to give them a volley. This they did in fine style. The cavalry seeing this halted, when Col. Sumner directed his single mounted orderly between him and them to inquire who they were, when the reply came, "We are United States troops." At this, though the Colonel could see no emblem of Federal authority, and believed it might possibly have been one of the enemy's ruses, unclosed "All right," when the cavalry approached with pistols raised and cocked. An introduction, however, immediately ensued, which reassured both parties, and the cavalry turned out to be the advance of Gen. McClellan's army from Williamsburgh, under Gen. Stoneman, which had come on to communicate with Gen. Franklin.

The officer in command immediately dispatched a courier to Gen. Stoneman, to inform him of the junction, while the cavalry continued on to join Gen. Franklin's headquarters, at the landing. Col. Sumner, with Major Birney and Quartermaster Hazzard, proceeded forward to see Stoneman, two miles further in advance. The General was glad to see the Colonel, and said he was preparing a dispatch to Gen. McClellan, and as the rebels had been sending couriers through the country, spreading the report that Franklin had been beaten back, he was anxious to save the fleet. The Colonel told him that so far from that being the case, the rebels had not disputed our landing at all, and though *after* we landed they had attempted to bar our progress, yet he perceived they had failed, and were in retreat before us. The Colonel thereupon drew up a statement of the occurrences since the arrival of Franklin's Division, which he handed to Stoneman.

Among the officers with Gen. Stoneman were Gov. Sprague, Col. Wentzel, Capt. Swaim of the Engineers, Capt. Hourmer, U. S. A., and others. His force consisted of the Sixth United States Cavalry, two regiments infantry, and two battalions. Gen. Stoneman, on his return to his camp, took five Union wounded prisoners, with a Mr. Meems, at Barhamsville, to whose care a Confederate surgeon had consigned them, with the injunction that they should be well cared for. The Colonel inquired of them their names, and found them to be: Lieut. Shinkard, Private Lewis Kuhler, George Heintzman, John Branch, all of Company E, Thirty-first New-York, Col. *Pisti, and Joseph Shingerland, Gosline's Zouaves.* All but Shingerland have slight wounds—he had been shot directly above the heart, possibly high enough to save him. Since then, Col. Sumner has seen Col. Pratt, who informed him that they had been sent for.

Col. Sumner remained on picket till yesterday morning, when he was relieved by the First Minnesota, Col. Sulay; the Fourth New-Jersey returning to the landing. About 2 P. M., all the troops, the Third and Fourth New-Jersey included, (Col. Taylor, with the First and Second, had gone to protect Stoneman's wagons,) were in motion before dark, and reached Eltham, where they were bivouacked as late as 11 A. M., May 10.

The encampment there is said to have been on the grandest scale—and the field being an immense clover-patch; the night a beautiful clear, balmy moonlight one; the music of the many regiments, over and close, vied with each other. A magnificent manoeuvre gives grace to the spectacle, as the Pamunkey River rolling by, all served, with the noble cause the troops were engaged in, to present a most interesting spectacle.

GEN. McDOWELL'S ARMY.

Falmouth as a Summer Residence—Emancipation Unnecessary—The Pontoon Bridge and Inactivity—A Personal Reconnoissance and its Result.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FALMOUTH, Friday, May 9, 1862.

When I last wrote I hoped to date my next letter from Richmond, but the mill of our Generals, like that of the gods, grinds slowly. We have done something eminent in the way of bridge-building of late, and it is pity that one of these triumphs of art, the pontoon, cannot go down to posterity as a monument to the energy, skill and patience of this department. But the temporary nature of the structure will interfere, I think, to prevent any civilized New-Zealander from sketching it at a future day; and, indeed, reasonable fears are entertained that its fleets will collapse and its ropes rot away before our army crosses it. Well, *cela m'est égale.* Falmouth is as pleasant a Summer residence as any reasonable man can desire. The soil is fertile and the climate pleasant. Provisions are scarce and dear, but tobacco is cheap, and horses may be had for the claiming. The inhabitants do not extend many hospitalities, but the greater portion of them have gone South and left their houses at our disposal, and the consequent saving to us in the way of rent is no inconsiderable item in housekeeping. Servants, too, are plenty, and they are only anxious to find employment—salary is no object. Having so many mentals to choose from, you can well imagine that we are somewhat fastidious in making selections. It is now considered extremely impolitic to allow a contraband to wait upon you, unless he furnishes you with his master's best blooded horse; and if he comes with his hands full of spoons or other plate, so much the better. Such applicants for places generally find them without difficulty; others are obliged to go further North. I have a contraband attached to my person whom we baptized in the Rappahannock and christened "Falmouth." It is true that he has small wages—none at all, in fact; but then he has constant employment, and as he very improvidently brought with him but a broken-winded and spavined horse, he did not deserve a first-class situation. There is little need for your Congress to trouble itself about emancipation. The negroes have taken that matter into their own hands, and further legislation on the subject is unnecessary.

I have inadvertently made mention of the pontoon bridge in a former paragraph. It may interest you to know that horses are becoming quite familiar with it, and now rather pride themselves on their skill in crossing. The ropes have been tightened, and it does not shuffle and skate about so much as formerly. One can walk upon it like a thing of life, as Byron beautifully remarks in reference to the same subject. In fact, so safe is it to cross upon that I am rather anxious to see our army try the experiment. About six miles down the river, on the opposite banks, a brigade of rebels is encamped—contrabands say under the command of Gen. Fields. Not far distant are two other brigades, Ammison's and Gance's. The voice of the turtle is heard in the land, urging an advance. Even the meditative and far from enthusiastic owl perches at night on the buoys of the bridge, and hoots "Go over, go over," and the bird that formerly cried whip-poor-will has for a week past been crying whip-the-rebels. But for some reason we don't move, and I hope the reason is a good one; for officers and men are chafing under the enforced inaction, and I really think they deserve to be treated to at least an occasional skirmish. Cheated of a feast at Manassas, in all justice they should be allowed some small fight, by way of lunch, between here and Richmond.

Tiring of the dullness of camp life, I determined, on Friday last, to make a reconnoissance in force on my own account, and accordingly, armed with a small carbine, started for the enemy's country. I crossed the pontoon bridge safely, and visited the house where the mother of Washington formerly resided, and the tomb where she now sleeps. Additions have been made to the house, but the older portions bear the marks of antiquity. The roof is moss-grown, and ivy for a century has been clambering over the eaves. But the seal of antiquity is broadly set on all Fredericksburgh. The streets are named from the members of the royal family that occupied the English throne when the City was founded, and "Prince Edward," "Princess Ann," "Princess Caroline," &c., yet run through the town, though their human hieroglyphs have long since crumbled to dust. The vandalism that the rebels have everywhere displayed, throughout the war, would not warrant us in any event or under any circumstances expecting them to stay their ruthless hands, but if there were one spot on the face of this green earth one could expect them to hold sacred, it would surely be the grave of the woman that gave Washington to the world. But the monument above it they have used for target practice, and the plain white shaft, on whose base is inscribed MARY, our mother of WASHINGTON—a name that should deter any from approaching Rome with uncovered head—is shattered with jagged holes, and defaced with the rudely carved names of rebel sacrilegists.

On the crest of a hill that overlooks Fredericksburgh I found the house and property of Mr. Hunt, a wealthy gentleman, who, I understand, voted, one of the most prominent members of the Convention that took Virginia out of the Union, and dragged her down the thorny path that her children must now tread. Further on, perhaps half a mile, lies "Alum Spring Farm," a fine parcel of land, starting in a mill and better buildings than Virginia generally furnishes, belonging to the same gentleman. The farm derives its sub-title from "Alum Spring," one of the prettiest places for a pic-nic or Summer frolic that ever came to puzzle one's brain with finding fitting words to praise its beauty. The path to the spring is arched with green leaves and shelving ledges of rock, and the waters come trickling down the channel themselves have worn, more pure and crystal-clear than the tears that ever any village beauty shed. The waters even now have an alumy taste, and they tell me that in the months of July and August they are so strongly tinctured with that mineral as to be fairly undrinkable. It is only poetic justice that a traitor to his country and a betrayer of his State should have a Marah on his grounds. But I found something in this vicinity that would have been more unpleasant to take—or to have take me—than a mild solution of alum.

Entering into conversation with an old negro woman on the premises, I asked her how long since she had seen any rebel pickets around. "Guess they ain't very far away, now, massa," she replied, and following the bed of her wooly head, I saw, some five or six men in uniform seated some forty or fifty rods off—about the distance that turkies are usually trussed up at shooting matches—on the edge of a road cut through the hill and fringed by the forest. Now from that very road our cavalry had driven the rebel pickets the afternoon before, capturing one of them, and it was accordingly an open question with me whether these men in buckram were our men or the enemy's. To solve the question, I rode on to the farm-house and interrogated an old negro man who fought with Jackson behind the cotton bales at New-Orleans, and should have known something about war. But the old man's eyes were too old and rheumy to see any soldiers at all, though he assured me that if any were there "dey comed from de South." I was then about forty rods distant from the gentlemen, and it suddenly occurred to me that to shell them from their position would be a good thing to do. I accordingly unhooked my carbine from my shoulder *and drew a bead on the group that would have* done credit to one of Bangar's boys, but while my finger pressed the trigger the thought obtruded itself that it would be a very ridiculous idea should I chance to shoot a Union soldier, particularly as the amusement was not sanctioned by the Commander of the Department, and the coolness with which my mountaineers held their places, rather induced a belief in my mind that they were our men. I removed my carbine from its hostile and threatening position, and the old negro removed his fingers from his ears, where he had placed them, in anticipation of the deafening roar of my artillery. Seeing a shanty a little nearer the debated nationalities, occupied by a particularly bright-eyed wench, I rode on, and got the benefit of her optics, but she, too, was at a loss in coming to a conclusion. The other party, in the meanwhile, had been holding a sort of council, and three men now came dancing down the hill, at a double-quick. To me they looked Confederatish, but I scarcely felt justified in shooting them on suspicion; and, as it would be still more unmilitary to solve my doubts by a proximity that might result in either capture or something worse, I held a brief council of war, at which my whole division was present. On starting out, I had adopted the Rappahannock as the base of my operations; it would plainly never do to allow my lines of communication to be cut off or interfered with, and this was now threatened. Had I been certain that the advancing column was hostile, I might have opened a raking fire with one carbine, and then harrassed their rear, if they retreated, with my gray mare, who is especially good at biting; or I might have flanked them, by a skillful movement to the right; or I might have disposed my available forces anacondawise; or, still better, I might have intrenched myself in the old mill, and fired with diabolical precision from the windows. All these things and a dozen more I might have done, had I been certain they were enemies; but, not being certain, I gave them the benefit of the doubt. Still, there was another doubt, of which the benefit properly belonged to me, and I availed myself of it and the alternative, retreating slowly and in good order, edging at the same time toward a barn that suggested itself as a strategic point. They commanded me to halt, and I halted. They asked me what I was, and I shouted back "a soldier." They pursued their impertinent inquiries by asking what soldier, but I had by this time edging around the barn and got the gray mare going, and my time was sufficiently occupied in seeing how fast she could travel, without entering into any explanations that involved time. If any one has heretofore doubted that the gray mare is in all cases the better horse, that doubt may now be set at rest. I had a very large hill between me and my interlocutors, before they had solved the mystery which obtruded itself on them so suddenly in the shape of a barn. Riding rapidly into town, I found Capt. Bryce, of McDowell's staff, and from him learned that we had no pickets out beyond the limits of the corporation. This information I got in town, but no reinforcement, save a brother correspondent, and he was unarmed. He rode out with me, however, until we came in sight of the gleam of arms, and what he remarked was usually considerat practicable Minie musket range, when he deemed it advisable to fall back upon our base of operations. I rode on, but took another road, blundering very unexpectedly upon two mounted pickets of an agricultural type, armed with shot guns, which they discharged at the head of our column from a commanding elevation about half a mile distant, instantly retreating. I returned the fire until our ammunition, consisting of two cartridges, was expended, but did not pursue the enemy. It was quite enough to win a bloodless victory.

To-day, in company with Surgeon Ayres and Capt. Calais, of the Seventh Wisconsin, I rode out to Alum Spring, to review the ground of what came so near being a serious engagement. The negroes told us that the three soldiers came to the house, and proved to be Confederates. They said they could have killed me easily, had they not thought, from my peculiar uniform and armament, that I was one of their men. I left word with the old negro to tell them, in return, that a correspondent was hard to kill, and they had only Heaven and Capt. John Hathaway to thank for not having had one or two of their number discharged from the service of Jeff. Davis to that of a more maligned but really more respectable master—for it was Capt. John Hathaway who borrowed my field-glass the day before, and forgot to return it. Now I came, under any circumstances, to mistake a Confederate for a National soldier, I can only explain by stating that the wind was in the opposite quarter. With the rebels, I rather reg

LAW REPORTS.

Notes of Prize Decisions.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Before Judge Betts.

PRACTICE—RIGHT OF CAPTORS TO APPEAR—PLEADING—FRAUDULENT SALE.

The United States vs. *the brig Delia and her Cargo.*—This vessel was captured by the *Santee*, on Oct. 28, 1861, in the Gulf of Mexico, and was sent to port and libeled as prize on Nov. 27. On Dec. 17, Isaac and Seth Adams, citizens of loyal States of the United States, intervened and claimed "the brig, her tackle and furniture, ammunition, stores and appurtenances," as assignees of Charles W. Adams, alleging that he was the mortgagee of the vessel to the value of $1,800, and had also chartered the vessel of the mortgagor. The claim was supported by the test oath of Isaac Adams.

On Jan. 7, 1862, John A. Marsh, a resident of Liverpool and a British subject, filed his claim, through the master, to the vessel as owner, denying the legality of the arrest, and praying that the project of the master as to the facts of the arrest, might be made a part of the claim. On the same day, by the same proctor, Charles W. Adams filed his claim to the cargo as sole owner of it, and to the vessel as charterer of her.

On the hearing objections were raised preliminarily by one of the claimants proctors, to allowing private counsel to take part in the hearing as counsel for the naval captors, claiming that the suit should be conducted solely by the United States District Attorney.

The counsel for the libelants, also, moved to reject, as irrelevant and surplusage, all matters attempted to be introduced by the claimants into their claims, further than a general denial that the captured property was prize of war.

The Court declined suspending proceedings in the suit to pass on either of these questions of practice, but postponed them to the final determination of the cause.

Held by the Court, That in a prize suit prosecuted in the name of the United States, the individual captors may be heard by their counsel; and that if the objection as to counsel had any merits when the cause was tried, it has been disposed of by the act of Congress of March 3d, 1862, in which provision is made for the counsel for captors, thus recognizing them as officers of the Court allowed in that character in prize suits.

That the answer or claim cannot rightfully raise on the preparatory hearing any other question than that of prize or no prize, unless by way of peremptory exception or bar. If matters outside of that issue are to be brought in question by the claimants, an order of Court must be obtained directing the time and manner of proceeding thereon.

That the vessel was of American build, and was sailed for an American owner from Galveston to Liverpool, and was there in form transferred from Adams the American owner, to Marsh, and registered in his name at Liverpool, Aug. 21, 1861; and that, on the spot, this transfer was colorable and fictitious, and for the purpose of giving the vessel the semblance of a neutral bottom, while she was actually navigated in the interest of one belligerent party, for the purpose of trade with and aid and benefit of the other.

That the evidence showed that the voyage was set on foot at Liverpool by Marsh & Adams, and the parties participating in it at Liverpool with intent that the vessel should violate the blockade of Galveston. That the papers made inconsistent and untrue representations as to the destination of the vessel. The shipping articles described the voyage to be to Minillian, and thence if required to other Mexican ports. The clearance was to Matillian, while in the invoice and manifest that word was erased, and Matamoras was written over it, while on the outward voyage, and the papers inclosed under seal to the master were for Matamoras. The vessel, when captured, was running a long distance wide of either Minillian or Matamoras, and was close into Galveston, and steering directly for it. The master also made a false entry in his private log as to the cause of his changing his course and destination.

That the proofs raise a forcible presumption that the charter party, and sale, and mortgage of the vessel, were deceptive, and without legal foundation or effect.

That whether the vessel and cargo was owned by Marsh or Adams, the voyage was got up and prosecuted by them with knowledge of the blockade and with intent to violate it.

Vessel and cargo condemned, therefore, as lawful prize.

For the United States, Mr. Woodford; for captors, Mr. Upson; for the claimants, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Prentiss.

ENEMY'S PROPERTY—BLOCKADE—USE OF CAPTURED PROPERTY.

The United States vs. *the Schooner Wave and Cargo.*—This vessel was captured by the *Portsmouth* on Feb. 1, 1862, off Boca Chica, on the coast of Texas. The vessel was deemed unfit to make the voyage to this port, and remains in possession of the captors, while the cargo was transshipped to this port, and libeled as prize. No one interposed in the suit for either vessel or cargo. The vessel and her cargo of sugar, tobacco and rice were owned in New-Orleans, and left that port for Brazos, Santiago. Her master and crew knew of the blockade when they sailed. All the letters on board were thrown overboard before her capture.

Held by the Court.—That the retention of the vessel in use of the Government was within the sound discretion of the captors.

That the vessel and cargo were enemy's property and intentionally violated the blockade of New-Orleans.

Judgment of forfeiture accordingly.

The United States vs. *The Sloop Cecelia and her Cargo.*—This vessel was a fishing-smack. She was captured by the *New-London* in Mississippi Sound on Dec. 21, 1861, and was appraised by a naval survey and appropriated to the use of the United States. The vessel sailed from New-Orleans under the rebel flag and under a license and pass from the Confederate States Quartermaster. Her owner resided in New-Orleans. Her master and crew knew the port was blockaded when they sailed, and she was to have returned to that port with her catching of fish.

Vessel and cargo condemned as enemy's property and for violation of the blockade.

Case of the Agent of the Associated Press—Mr. Craig on the Stand.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Justice Monell.

Daniel H. Craig vs. *Francis O. J. Smith.*—This case was reported in THE TIMES of yesterday. *Mr. Craig* was called as a witness, and testified that he never cut the wire; that he never told one Greenleaf Howe that he cut the wire, as claimed by that gentleman, and that he never transmitted messages over Smith's line. Evidence was also offered to impeach Mr. Howe, whose testimony before the Committee of the Legislature of Massachusetts was to the effect that Craig had told him that he (Craig) had cut the wire. Case still on.

D. D. Field for plaintiff; H. Hunting for defendant.

Protest—When Only a Bank is Bound to Give Notice to all the Indorsers.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Before Justice Clerke.

Jarvis N. Lake vs. *The Artisans' Bank.*—This was an action to recover the value of a certain promissory note. The plaintiff claimed that he had a bank account with the defendants, and that the note in question was discounted by them, at their bank in July, 1857. The indorsers on the note were Lebbeus Stetson, Daniel C. Bates and the plaintiff. The plaintiff also claimed that the defendants represented that they had paid the note out of moneys which he had in the bank at the time, and that he had afterward ascertained that the note was not protested. The defense set up was that it was understood at the time the note was discounted that it should be charged to the plaintiff. On the trial, the only question in issue was whether the defendants, they having discounted the note for the benefit of the plaintiff, were legally bound to protest the note for non-payment.

Defendants' counsel moved that the complaint be dismissed, and the Court granted the motion, holding that it was only when a bank acted as agent in collecting a note that it was bound to give notice to all the indorsers. If owners of the note, the bank simply lost their redress against the indorsers not notified.

Wm. Curtis Noyes and Cassen & Lake for plaintiff; Augustus Prentice for defendants.

Renewal Leases—Estoppel.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Before Justices Ingraham, Leonard and Sutherland.

Rufus L. Lord vs. *Hartman Vreeland, Executor, &c.*—This action was commenced to recover of the defendant, as Executor of Eliza Lewis, and as Executor of Daniel W. Gautier, and in his individual capacity, damages, by reason of alleged breaches in the covenants set forth in certain leases which are mentioned in the complaint.

The defendants demurred to the complaint on the ground that the second lease was accepted by plaintiff in full satisfaction of all the covenants executed by Eliza Lewis in the first; That the defendants in all their several capacities, are not interested, and that Vreeland individually, or as executor of Gautier, [illegible]

And as regards the several alleged expenditures, the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action; also, that the action on the second lease cannot be properly joined with the action on the first lease, inasmuch as the parties are different. The cause was tried on the demurrer at Special Term, and judgment was rendered in favor of plaintiff. Justice Sedgwick, in giving his opinion in the Court below, said:

It is proper also to state, that in this complaint there is but one cause of action set out. In order to obtain a proper recovery, therefore, against the representative and devisees of Eliza Lewis, all the matters set out in the complaint are proper and pertinent; and, although they might be used for the foundation of another cause of action, yet the breach of the second Lease, in the complaint, cannot be said to be entirely irrelevant to show the breach of the first covenant.

For these reasons I am not able to adopt the conclusion that more than one cause of action is set out in the complaint. The plaintiff can only recover for one cause, as the claim upon the second lease is not set up as a further or separate cause of action.

It is true, in his prayer for relief, he claims damages against Vreeland, in his individual capacity. But the prayer of the complaint is not to be demurred to. If the defendant is entitled to any remedy in regard to the complaint, it can only be by motion to strike out such parts as are irrelevant. As it stands before me, it is but for one cause of action, and the objection as to misjoinder of causes of action is not well taken.

The objection of defect of parties is answered by what I have already stated. The action is not on the renewal lease; it was, therefore, unnecessary to make as parties, persons who were not parties to, or representatives of, the original lessor.

I am very free to state that the claim for damages against Vreeland personally, as lessee of the second lease, cannot be sustained in this action; and if it is intended to be included in the complaint as a separate cause of action, it would have been a good ground of demurrer. It appears to me very clear that the plaintiff should amend his complaint in this respect so as to confine the claim solely against the representatives and devisees of Eliza Lewis.

I, however, can make no order, therefore, on this demurrer.

Judgment for the plaintiff on demurrer, with leave to defendants to answer on the usual terms.

The defendants appealed to this Court on the grounds that the summons in this case was for relief and the complaint for damages for breach of covenants, and that the relief demanded was for unpaid sums with interest, as upon contracts for payment of money, &c., while the judgment gave the relief demanded, and the costs in addition, when no costs were asked for in the complaint, and that the renewed lease was a bar to the action on the first. It was sought for and was decreed by the Court as a satisfaction of the breaches of the covenants in the first lease. Decision reserved. W. C. Noyes for appellant. D. Lord for respondent.

A Contractor's Claims—The Jury Differ in Respect Thereto.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.

Before Judge Daly.

McGrane vs. *The Mayor, &c.*—This action was to recover for the defendants extra compensation for an alleged interference with the work of the plaintiff, a contractor, for regulating and grading Fifty-third-street, in this City. The case was stated in THE TIMES of the 10th, since which it has been on trial. The jury now disagreed, and were discharged.

The Law Institute and Edwin James—The Report of the Committee Adverse to Mr. James.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Before Justices Ingraham, Leonard and Sutherland.

The report of the Committee of the Law Institute, in respect to the admission to the Bar of Edwin James, which was now formally submitted, is to the effect, that the Committee find that some of the facts connected with his professional position in England were not disclosed to the Court at the time of his application; and that, for such reason, the order so admitting him should be rescoked. It is, however, recommended that Mr. James have an opportunity to be heard, in reply to the report of the Committee, and in opposition to the motion for revocation.

Meantime a meeting of the bar, in the matter, will be holden at the Astor House to-day, at 2 P. M.

Court of General Sessions.

In this Court, yesterday, before Judge McCunn, John Nash pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and was remanded for sentence.

Mary Murray, a prostitute, was tried and convicted of robbing Gustavus F. Wolf of $62, and was remanded for sentence.

Mary Kelly, Catharine Travis and Catharine King, jointly indicted, with two other women, for robbery, pleaded guilty to petit larceny, and were sentenced five days each to the City Prison.

Surrogate's Court.

Admitted to Probate.—The wills of Newton Platt, M. S. Pike, Caroline W. Wheelwright, Ellen B. Holland, Wm. Powers, Elizabeth Lyles and A. E. Schemmerhorn were now admitted to Probate.

Decisions.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Sutherland.

Baldwin vs. *Miller.*—Motion denied with $10 costs to be paid by the plaintiff to the defendant on the ground that demurrers are not frivolous.

Aspinwall, &c., vs. Ferris, &c.—Order granted.

The Same vs. *The Same.*—The same.

The Same vs. *The Same.*—The same.

The Same vs. *The Same.*—The same.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, MAY 16, 1862.

$4,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Reg.	104⅛	25 Penn. Coal Co	85¾
7,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Coup.	104⅝	12 Atlantic Bank	65
17,000 do	104⅞	50 Cum. Coal Pref	9
1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Ove.	105	25 P. R. R. Co. Ex-Div.	120¼
Year	104	Yearly	110
2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Ove.	105	60 do	110⅛
W. L. ⅝ Yearly	103	50 do	110
5,000 U. S. 6s, '81	104	50 do	109
10,000 Treas. 7.30 Notes N.	104⅞	50 do	109
2,000 do	104⅞	50 N. Y. Cen. R.	92⅞
10,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr Cert.	97⅞	100 do	92⅞
2,000 Ohio State 6s, '60, R.	102	200 Erie Railway	22¼
3,000 Ill. Cen. Bds., '77	97¾	100 do	22⅜
20,000 Ind. State 5s	74	50 do	22⅜
12,000 Tenn. St. 6s, '90	58⅞	61 Erie Railway Pref.	44⅛
5,000 do	58⅞	100 do	44⅛
6,000 Missouri St. 6s	62	50 do	44⅛
1,000 do	62¼	50 do	44⅛
50,000 do	62¼	50 do	44⅛
1,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s	99⅞	100 do	44⅛
1,000 R. & M. R. 6s	86	19 Hudson River R.	42⅞
1,000 R. & Sch. M. R.	80⅞	200 Harlem Rd. Pref.	39
1,000 R. & Sch. R. Ex.	78	200 Brooklyn City R.	118⅞
2,000 Hudson R. con. R.	60	100 Mich. Cen. R.	80⅞
2,000 Harlem R. 7s, '81	90	100 Mich. So. & N. I. R.	24⅞
5,000 Illin. R. 8d M. B.	102	100 do	24⅞
1,000 R. C. & Pe. 1st M.	85	6 Mich. So. & N. I. G. S.	82
5 Y. Cen. Rds	100	400 do	42⅞
5,000 Mich. So. 2d M.	79⅞	100 do	42⅞
25,000 do	80	100 do	42⅞
20,000 Ill. Cen. R. Bds.	92⅞	200 do	42⅞
4,000 do	92⅞	50 Ill. Cent. R. Scrip	92⅞
2,000 R. R. S. Y. Bds.	97⅞	50 do	92⅞
1,000 T. H. & A. 2d mtg.	75	50 do	92⅞
5,000 C. & N. W. 1st m.	85	100 Cleve. & Pitts. R.	51
20,000 C. & N. W. Ac. Bds.	41	400 do	51
20,000 C. & N. W. 2d m.	78	25 do	50⅞
2,000 C. & N. W. 2d m.	80	100 Cleve. & Tol. R.	80
2,000 Tol. & W. 2d m.	67⅞	200 do	46⅞
500 do	68	200 do	46⅞
5,000 Gal. & C. 2d m.	80	200 do	46⅞
2,000 C. & I. R. R. 7s	65	200 do	46⅞
1,000 do	65	200 do	46⅞
1,000 M. & P. du Chien	65⅞	100 do	46⅞
10 Phenix Bank	100	200 do	46⅞
30 Commonwealth Bk.	81	200 Ch. & Rock Is. R.	95⅞
20,000 Am. Gold	105⅞	170 Tol. and Wab. R.	12
200,000 do	105	50 Tol. and Wab. Pref.	32
20,000 do	105⅞	15 Market Bank	62
50 Del. & Hud. C. Co.	97⅞		

SECOND BOARD.

$6,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Reg.	104	30 Shoe & Leather RR.	107
14,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	104⅛	100 Pac. Mil. St. Co.	108
15,000 do	104	10 do	112
2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Ove.	105	100 do	112⅛
W. L. ⅝ Yearly	104	100 do	112⅛
20,000 U. S. 6s, '74, Cou.	94⅞	100 N. Y. Cen. Railroad	92⅞
5,000 Tenn. 6s, '90	58⅞	100 Erie R. Pref.	44⅛
12,000 Mo. State 6s	62	100 Hud. River R.	42
15,000 do	62⅛	200 Harlem Railroad	39⅞
2,000 Ohio State 6s, '60	104	100 Harlem R. Pref.	58
1,000 N. C. State 6s	73⅞	100 R. R. & M. R.	25
1,000 Cal. State 7s	90	200 do	25⅞
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 2d m.	78	100 do	25⅞
10,000 Tol. & W. 1st M.	80	100 do	25⅞
10,000 Tol. & W. 2d M.	68	100 do	25⅞
10,000 Mich. So. 1st M.	80⅞	200 M. S. & N. I. 2d M.	24⅞
1,000 do	80	200 do	24⅞
2,000 Chi. & Mil. R. 7s	65	100 do	24⅞
2,000 Ill. Cen. R. Bds.	92⅞	50 Ill. Cen. R. Scrip	92⅞
2,000 do	92⅞	50 Cleve. & Pitts. R.	51

FRIDAY, May 16—P. M.

The Custom-house returns of the Foreign Trade at the port of New-York, for the month of April, were completed this afternoon, and we are now enabled to bring our tables up to the 30th of that month, thus completing ten months of the current fiscal or Treasury year of the United States, beginning July 1, 1861.

The Import Entries of Foreign Merchandise at New-York, during the month of April, 1862, were:

In Dutiable Goods, consumption direct	$7,741,197
Dutiable Goods warehoused	2,833,318
Free Goods	2,332,219
Total entries, April, 1862	$13,906,734
Against April, 1861	16,468,[illegible]
Increase this season	[illegible]

There was also entered during the month, Foreign Specie of the value of $26,152, against $1,953,001 same month last year. The amount of Goods of the previous importation withdrawn [illegible]

The Exports of the month of April, 1862, were:

In Domestic Produce	$6,002,004
Foreign reexported	695,028
Specie	4,037,675
Total clearances, April, 1862	$12,703,707
Against April, 1861:	
In Domestic Produce	$9,235,648
Foreign reexported	941,337
Specie	1,412,679 — $11,109,679
Increase this season	$1,594,118

We annex our usual summary by months of the Trade of the past ten months of the current Treasury year, comparing the corresponding months of the previous Treasury year:

IMPORT OF FOREIGN GOODS AT NEW-YORK.

	1861-62. Free July 1.	vs.	1860-61. Free July 1.
July	$7,642,000		$24,817,000
August	7,626,000		25,726,000
September	6,074,000		16,005,000
October	7,884,000		15,709,000
November	8,749,000		14,974,000
December	9,263,000		15,079,000
January	12,457,000		19,565,000
February	12,610,000		14,068,000
March	13,621,000		12,658,000
April	13,827,000		13,933,000
Total ten months	$106,464,000		$171,609,000
Foreign Specie	11,516,000		25,100,000

EXPORT OF DOMESTIC PRODUCE FROM NEW-YORK.

	1861-62. From July 1.	vs.	1860-61. From July 1.
July	$9,585,000		$7,528,000
August	9,652,000		8,013,000
September	9,678,000		9,232,000
October	12,904,000		10,687,000
November	14,110,000		11,262,000
December	13,560,000		10,611,000
January	12,053,000		10,978,000
February	10,078,000		10,237,000
March	8,985,000		10,651,000
April	8,002,000		8,256,000
Total ten months	$108,875,000		$97,664,000
Foreign reexported	5,859,000		5,497,000
Total ten months	$112,734,000		$103,561,000

EXPORTS OF SPECIE FROM NEW-YORK.

	1861-62. From July 1.	vs.	1860-61. From July 1.
July	$11,000		$3,564,000
August	3,000		7,455,000
September	16,000		3,758,000
October	15,000		2,106,000
November	48,000		525,000
December	893,000		202,000
January	2,358,000		29,000
February	3,717,000		1,103,000
March	2,471,000		302,000
April	4,038,000		1,413,000
Total ten months	$13,920,000		$23,457,000

EXPORTS RECAPITULATED—TEN MONTHS.

	1861-62. From July 1.	vs.	1860-61. From July 1.
Domestic Produce	$108,875,000		$97,664,000
Foreign Goods reexported	5,859,000		5,497,000
Specie	13,920,000		23,457,000
Total	$128,654,000		$126,618,000

CUSTOMS REVENUE AT NEW-YORK.

	1861-62. From July 1.	vs.	1860-61. From July 1.
July	2,069,550		4,504,066
August	1,558,824		4,496,243
September	1,642,382		3,038,803
October	1,672,616		2,683,078
November	1,851,324		1,794,748
December	2,324,847		1,171,862
January	3,351,867		2,059,203
February	3,565,694		2,525,736
March	4,626,962		2,469,926
April	4,149,952		1,643,261
Total ten months	$26,723,176		$26,359,525

DELIVERIES OF CALIFORNIA GOLD AT NEW-YORK.

1861-62.		1860-61.	
	From July 1.		From July 1.
July 4	$811,968	July 13	1,514,904
July 18	1,344,000	July 23	973,200
Aug. 2	4,128,242	Aug. 2	968,678
Aug. 12	944,568	Aug. 12	1,003,361
Aug. 22	1,176,454	Sept. 2	936,549
Aug. 23	798,833	Sept. 12	791,601
Sept. 2	757,629	Sept. 23	1,202,657
Sept. 12	1,100,693	Oct. 14	670,187
Sept. 23	853,840	Oct. 22	992,484
Oct. 4	832,776	Oct. 23	810,225
Oct. 13	1,011,707	Nov. 2	1,241,939
Oct. 23	1,026,332	Nov. 14	911,620
Nov. 3	887,995	Nov. 24	1,087,071
Nov. 15	875,750	Dec. 3	822,419
Nov. 25	829,807	Dec. 14	1,085,219
Dec. 4	870,246	Dec. 25	1,225,219
Dec. 16	979,005	Jan. 3	1,455,386
Dec. 23	822,058	Jan. 13	1,446,219
Jan. 4	710,842	Jan. 25	1,246,029
Jan. 14	885,923	Feb. 3	1,514,154
Jan. 25	802,787	Feb. 12	1,052,313
Feb. 5	850,000	Feb. 25	1,056,426
Feb. 14	614,146	March 5	855,775
Feb. 25	759,246	March 18	815,520
March 6	679,071	March 25	899,597
March 16	677,058	April 8	996,445
March 25	496,366	April 12	1,110,231
April 3	586,527	April 24	884,677
April 19	617,279	Total 10 mos.	$30,065,336
April 23	629,611		
Total 10 mos.	$26,249,279		

The City Bank Shares continue generally *firm, and only small parcels offered:*

New-York	100	Commerce Scrip Stk	95
Merchants'	102	Mech'ics' Bk'g Assoc.	95
Mechanics'	107⅛	Ocean	85
Union	100	American Exchange	94⅞
America	107	Chatham	84
City	120	Bank of North Amer.	100
Phenix	103⅛	East River	85
Tradesmen's	90	Market	91
Fulton	119	Nassau	93
Greenwich	126	Shoe and Leather	89
Butchers & Drovers'	120	Marine	100
National	96	Commonwealth	88
Merchants' Exch	90	Atlantic	62
Seventh Ward	100	New-York County	95
State of New-York	99	Park	106
Commerce	99	Manuf'ers and Merc'	80

There was quite a close contest on the Stock Exchange, to-day, between the speculative sellers and buyers, particularly in the Railway Shares. Early in the day the *Bears* were disposed to increase their contracts in New-York Central, Erie, &c., and prices fell off ¼@¾ ▼ cent. from the last sales of Thursday afternoon. The Government Securities were also a fraction weaker, and the State Stocks of Missouri and Tennessee ¼@¾ ▼ cent. lower. The Western shares were steady at the opening of the call, and acquired considerable strength later in the day, in sympathy with the rapid advance in Michigan Southern of both classes. The course of Pacific Mail was rapidly upward from 109¾ ▼ cent. to 114¼ ▼ cent., ex dividend. At the Second Board the New-York roads were firmer; Central at 89¾; Erie 39¼@¾, and Erie Preferred 56¼@¾ ▼ cent., and the general market at this Board was firm, and on the Railway Bonds rapidly advancing. Later in the day, on the Street, the demand ran chiefly upon the shares of the Michigan Southern, the Common Stock selling at 26, and the Guaranteed 55@55¼. Other Railways were firm, but without much business.

N. Y. Central	89¾	Pacific, ex div	114
Erie	39¾	U. S. 6s, 1881	104⅛
Erie Preferred	56¾	Treas. 7.30 ▼ cents	104⅞
Toledo	46¾	Tennessee	86⅞
Rock Island	76¾	Missouri	62⅞
Michigan Guaranteed	55¼	Gold	104

The demand for the Railway Mortgages is on the increase, and has taken a more extensive range than usual:

N. Y. Cen. sixes	95¾	N. Ind. State	102⅞
N. Y. Cen. sixes, real es.	94	N. Ind. Goshen Line	66⅞
N. Y. Cen. sixes, subscrip.	94	M. So. & N. In. s. f.	80
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '61	102	Ill. Cen. 7 ▼ c. '53	92⅞
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '76	106⅞	C. H. & Alt. first, 7 ▼ c.	102
N. Y. Cen. 7s, conv. '76	106⅞	C. H. & A. Ma. 8 ▼ c.	72
Erie sevens, '82	104⅞	Chi. & N. W. s. f.	72
Erie seconds, '83	101	Chi. & N. W. first	80⅞
Erie seconds '89	103	Chi. & N. W. first sec.	41⅞
Erie thirds, '62	96⅞	Chi. & N. W. seconds	36
Erie fourths, '66	95⅞	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bonds	41
Erie fifths, '68	92	Chi. & N. W. sink. fund	69
Hudson firsts, '60	105⅞	Ham. & Day. s. funds	65
Hudson seconds s. f. '60	104	Pack. & Ft. Wayne	40
Hudson thirds, '75	99	Del., Lack. & W. first	120
Hudson convert., '91	95⅞	Del., Lack. & W. sec'ds	109
Harlem firsts, '72	102⅞	Tol. & Wabash firsts	62
Harlem seconds, '84	95⅞	Tol. & Wabash 2ds	32
Harlem thirds, '88	75	Ill. & F. D. C. firsts	93
Mich. Cen. 8 ▼ ct. 62-72	104⅞	Gal. & Chicago firsts	102
Mich. Cen. s. f. 8 ▼ c. '68	103⅞	Gal. & Chi. seconds	92
Chi., R. I. & Q. 8 ▼ c.	104⅞	Chi. & Rk. I. firsts	100
N. So. 7 ▼ c. firsts	100	Clev. & Toledo s. f.	96⅞
M. H. 7 ▼ c. seconds	61	M. Int. Con. seconds	80⅞

The price of Gold fell to 103@103¼ ▼ cent. to-day, and Exchange on London to 113¼@113¾. The course of the market, especially on Gold, continues to puzzle many of our oldest financial heads, but, undoubtedly, the present influence against the rise which they have been looking for in the absence of any considerable export demand. The present balances due to Europe and the prospective engagements for Goods to come from that quarter or the Indies later in the season, would appear to be unusually, not to say extremely, light. The market for Money is 4@5 ▼ cent. The deposits continue to increase, and now stand about $121,000,000.

The Statements of the Banks of the three principal cities of the Union for the last week, compare with the previous one, and the corresponding time of 1861, as follows:

	Loans.	Deposits.	Specie.	Circulation.
New-York, May 10	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Boston, May 12	50,654,031	24,227,123	2,846,722	3,357,097
Phila., May 10	16,866,319	23,[illegible]	4,[illegible]	1,[illegible]
Total	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Last week	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Last year	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The following was the day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer: Receipts, $[illegible], 116,763 56, including $127,000 for customs; Payments, $2,577,512 29; Balance, $15,906,616 16.

We are requested to say to the Wall-street friends of the *London American* that the subscription list is left with Messrs. CHARLES A. MINES & SON, in Exchange-place.

The Directors and leading Shareholders of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railway Company, have determined to arrange for the conversion, *at par*, of the overdue first mortgages into the General Sinking Fund Mortgage. These overdue mortgages, originally $1,275,000, have been reduced, by voluntary conversion into the First General Sinking Fund Mortgage, to about $1,000,000, will be paid off at an early day at par and interest since 1st May, unless the holders should elect to make the conversion on their own account. The Sinking Funds being a desirable investment at par, and are of the best first mortgage liens upon Western Railway property, a subscription to the extent of one million of dollars (and as much more as may be required to take up the overdue Bonds,) has been opened at the office of the Company in this City, and about $400,000 subscribed the first day. The overdue Bonds being out of the way by this conversion, there will be no remaining impediment to the application of the surplus income of the Road over and above the funded interest to the dividends of the Government Shares. These shares have gone up to-day to 55 ▼ cent.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of Commerce in New-York was held on Monday, 12th inst, when the accounts of the Association were presented, together with the following balance-sheet, all of which were voted satisfactory, and the action of the Officers and Trustees of the Bank in coming forward promptly to the support of the Government approved. Mr. W. B. ASTOR presided at the meeting:

Loans and Discounts, averaging 26 days	$2,326,000
Loans to U. S., par value $10,[illegible]	2,800,000
Loans on State and City Stocks	50,000
In Paris and London	414,000
Real Estate	300,000
Gold $1,346,000, U. S. Notes $2,919,000	4,265,000
Cash Items, Checks on other Banks, &c.	2,348,000
Suspended Debt	320,000
Due from Banks	36,000
Expenses	30,000
Total	$20,338,000
Capital paid up	$9,148,000
Profits undivided	685,000
Deposits and due Banks	10,[illegible]
Circulation	2,000
Unpaid Dividends	12,000 — $20,336,000

The following is the statement of United States Securities held by Bank of Commerce in New-York, May 13, 1862:

Description.	Par Amount.	Cost.	Amount.	Value.	Amount.
7 3-10 ▼ ct. S. yrs.	4,270,000	100	4,270,000	100	4,270,000
6 ▼ cts. of 1861	4,119,000	99⅞	3,852,200	100	4,119,000
6 ▼ cts. of 1862	150,000	112	172,707	100	150,000
6 ▼ cts. of 1862	17,000	100	16,940	100	17,000
5 ▼ cts. of 1874	1,400,000	100	1,400,000	100	1,400,000
5 ▼ cts. of 1866	99,000	102⅞	99,066	95	93,000
Totals	10,056,000		9,792,913		9,956,000

At the special meeting of the Shareholders of the Michigan, Burlington and Quincey Road, held in Boston yesterday, it was resolved to build a separate track from Aurora into Chicago, and an issue of one million of Bonds authorized for this purpose. The meeting, which was composed for the most part of the Directors, and other parties largely interested against the settlement of the controversy with the Peoria Road, voted down the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The officers of this Company have, without the sanction of the stockholders of this Company, made certain contracts with the lessees of the western division of the Peoria and Oquawka Railroad Company, and also with the Jacksonville and Savannah Railroad Company, incurring liabilities to a very large extent, and that they propose to make certain issues of bonds for the purpose of extending this railroad from Aurora to Chicago:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that such liabilities and expenditures were entirely without authority of the stockholders of this Company, and greatly to their injury; and that the officers of this Company are expressly prohibited from making any further expenditures on account of the above-mentioned contracts, or from issuing any more bonds, until all matters in relation thereto, and the contracts made with the above-mentioned parties, are submitted to the stockholders at their next annual meeting, and until the decision in the controversy now pending between the Peoria and Oquawka Railroad Company and this Company be decided.

The following is a comparative statement of the Imports of Foreign Dry Goods at the Port of New-York for the week ending May 15, and since Jan. 1:

For the week.	1862.	1861.	1860.
Entered at the port	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Thrown on market	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,[illegible]
Since Jan. 1.			
Entered at the port	$41,[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Thrown on market	43,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, May 16, 1862—6 P. M.

The reported receipts of the principal kinds of produce, since our last, have been: 105 bbls. Ashes, 27,530 bbls. Flour, 325 bbls. and 128 bags Corn Meal, 51,200 bushels Wheat, 11,400 bushels Corn, 36,[illegible] bushels Oats, 3,000 bushels Malt, 10,745 pkgs. Provisions, and 1,554 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Sales, to-day, 50 bbls., at $5 62½ for Pots, and $6 for Pearls, ▼ 100 lbs.

BEESWAX—Has been quiet, since our last, at unchanged rates.

CANDLES—Continue inactive, at old rates.

COFFEE—Sales, to-day, 50 bags Marcaibo, at 21c.; 30 bags Jamaica, at 20½c.; and 500 bags Rio, at 19¾@21c., ▼ lb, usual terms.

COPPER—Refined Ingot has been in lively request, chiefly at 21c. ▼ lb.

COTTON—Is inactive, at former prices. Middlings, 27c.@27½c. ▼ lb. Sales, 600 bales.

DYEWOODS—Sales, to-day

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WALLACK'S—Monaldi.

WINTER GARDEN—Speculation; or, Love's Victory.

BUTLER'S GARDEN—Two Engravings.

FALLON GARDEN—5th-st. and 6th-av.—Afternoon and Evening—Nixon's Equine Circus.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Gen. Mowr, the great Negro—Lecture Afternoon and Evening, Living Whale, &c., as usual. Egyptian Performances at 3 and 7½ o'clock.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN, No. 663 Broadway—Exhibition of Paintings.

THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD—No. 539 Broadway.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The capture of Pensacola is announced in a dispatch from Gen. HALLECK's army. This news was brought to the Union lines, from Corinth, under a flag of truce.

All accounts now agree that the rebels are engaged in fortifying at Corinth, and that there a great battle will be fought—all in Gen. HALLECK's own good time. A field order just issued by Gen. HALLECK directs that no officers or soldiers will be permitted to pass to the rear of our lines, and no citizens to the front, without special authority. Deserters from the rebel army continue to come into our camps in squads.

We have another evidence this morning of Gen. MCCLELLAN's continued activity. In a dispatch to the War Department he announces that he had sent expeditions from Pulaski and Athens to Bogue-chitto, which succeeded in driving out a considerable rebel force there without a battle. He then embarked another expedition from Bogerville, which extend the bridge across Shed Creek, and the ferry across the Tennessee, below the mouth of the creek—thus cutting off the passage of any rebel troops, and entrapping about 1,200 or 1,500 rebel cavalry, which are scattered through the country in squads. Gen. MITCHEL also announces that he has impressed some gunboats on the Tennessee, with which he expects to pay his respects to the enemy from the eastward. Bogerville is in Lauderdale County, Ala., on the North side of the Tennessee River.

Gen. MCCLELLAN has sent a dispatch to the War Department, directing attention to the conspicuous gallantry of HOOKER's and KEARNEY's Divisions in the battle of Williamsburgh—HOOKER's Division for hours withstanding the attack of greatly superior numbers, and KEARNEY's Division arriving in time to decide the fortunes of the day.

The released prisoners who arrived in Washington on Wednesday night last, report having passed the *Galena* and *Arrowstock* just below Jamestown, and the *Monitor* near Harden's Bluff, twenty or thirty miles from Newport's News. Rebel batteries at that point opened upon her, but she passed them without replying. The prisoners gave her three cheers; and in response to a question asking why he did not silence the batteries, the officer commanding replied that they had more important work to do up the river. At Newport's News they learned for the first time of the evacuation of Norfolk and the destruction of the *Merrimac*, and when told of it, seventeen of the twenty-five members of JEFF. DAVIS' body guard, who accompanied the prisoners from Richmond, refused to return, and took the oath of allegiance. It was reported in Richmond that Gen. PAYNE had gone to Tuscaloosa, Ala. JOHN MINOR BOTTS is released on parole, although he is virtually a prisoner in his own house. He is not allowed to leave his country seat, near Richmond.

Secretaries SEWARD and WELLES, and Attorney-General BATES, arrived at Fortress Monroe on Thursday, and proceeded to Norfolk with Commodore GOLDSBOROUGH. Orders have been issued by Gen. WOOL in reference to trade in Norfolk, and prohibiting the sale or distribution of newspapers there. It is understood that free travel will soon be allowed between Baltimore and Fortress Monroe.

Secretary STANTON, by order of the President, has issued an order thanking Gen. WOOL for the capture of Norfolk and the consequent destruction of the *Merrimac*. Gen. WOOL, it will be seen, has been advanced to a full Major-Generalship.

A dispatch from Strasburgh, the present headquarters of Gen. BANKS, states that great numbers of Union refugees of the Valley are coming in, under the impression that our forces are retreating, and to escape impressment into the rebel service.

It is currently reported at Gen. BANKS' headquarters that Gen. MILROY and SCHENCK are in occupation of Staunton. Such an event is not unlikely.

In reference to affairs in the Mountain Department, the Wheeling *Intelligencer*, of Wednesday, says: "We wish to excite no apprehensive excitement, but it is proper that it should be known that news in a reliable form has reached the city that the rebels have strongly reinforced JACKSON's command, from their scattered Yorktown army, and that for some days back they have been pressing the lines of BANKS and FREMONT, evidently with the intention of breaking through and forcing their way into West Virginia, and perhaps into the free State border. The news seems to be, for we cannot get it direct, that MILROY has been falling back for a couple of days past, and his scouts have been driven in, and the indications are that a desperate raid is intended upon the borders with the hope of effecting a diversion in Eastern Virginia and in the South. We understand that troops have been called to this immediate border to meet this threat. How soon or where they will be concentrated we do not know." Dispatches have already been published in the Times stating that Gen. FREMONT has reinforced MILROY, and that the rebels are retreating Southward.

A dispatch, dated Manassas Gap, May 13, says: "Gen. GRAY's command, threatened by large forces of guerrilla cavalry, has put the Manassas Gap Railroad in complete running order to Front Royal, and has guarded thirty-two miles of the mountain passes for five weeks past, and reconstructed all the destroyed bridges. They were attacked by, and had almost daily skirmishes, for twelve successive days, with bodies of guerrilla cavalry, whose object was to obstruct the road. Several of the rebels have been wounded, and a number of prisoners taken. Guerrillas have crept up at night upon the infantry pickets, under cover of the darkness, and attempted to murder them, but have been foiled by constant watchfulness. Several of these desperadoes have been captured, and sent to Washington. The Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers are now in Gen. McDOWELL's Division. They have explored all the mountain recesses of the Blue Ridge, from Paris to Manassas Gap, and driven the guerrillas, which had threatened destruction to the newly constructed bridges and the railroad south of Manassas Gap."

Among the important documents on record that will embrace an interesting part of the history of the rebellion, is a letter of Gen. SCOTT's, addressed to Secretary of War FLOYD in October, 1860, urging the reinforcement of the Southern forts. It shows that the General foresaw the approaching rebellion.

The United States steam transport *Oriole*, Capt. MAINWARING, arrived at this port yesterday, from Newbern, N. C., 12th inst., via Hatteras Inlet, 13th inst., having on board sixty-three discharged soldiers from the One Hundred and Third Regiment New-York State Volunteers; also, several soldiers on furlough, and the ladies of H. SOUTHWORTH and CHAS. BEMAN, both of Deep River, Conn. The health of the troops at Newbern remained good. They were still engaged in fortifying the place. The United States transport *Hace* was going into Newbern when the *Oriole* sailed.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a memorial from merchants and others of New-York was presented, asking for the speedy passage of the Pacific Railroad bill. The Indian Appropriation bill was debated, and an amendment was adopted, authorizing the President to discriminate against those tribes which have taken up arms against the Government. The Confiscation bill, reported from the Special Committee, was taken up and debated until the adjournment. Mr. CLARK, of New-Hampshire, explained that the bill had been carefully prepared by the Committee, who had tried to harmonize the different opinions. Attempts were made to kill it by voting it down section by section, but they failed by decided votes. The Senate adjourned until Monday.

In the House, a communication from the Secretary of War was presented, inclosing a report from Gen. GRAHM, concerning the homicide of Mr. SCOTT and Mr. MATHEWS, recently, in Fanquier County, Va. It appears that they were killed by two privates of a Wisconsin Regiment, as they, with arms in their hands, were entering a house to capture the soldiers who had been guilty of marauding. BEN WOOD, not wishing to consume the time of the House in the delivery of a speech on the condition of the Union, obtained leave to print it. Private bills were then considered; after which the House adjourned until Monday.

GENERAL NEWS.

A steamer has been chartered by the Government and is now loading at the Navy-yard, Brooklyn, for the Gulf Blockading Squadron, to sail on Monday, the 19th inst., and will take the mails.

The Baltimore *American*, in speaking of Gen. BUTLER's Proclamation to the people of New-Orleans, says: "If we wanted any proof that Gen. BUTLER, as Commanding General at New-Orleans, is the 'right man in the right place,' we might find it in the reminiscences which remain of his administration of affairs at a critical period here in Baltimore. Called upon to deal with treachery the most subtle, with audacity at that time almost unequaled, he well began that work which ended in restoring to the loyal their rights; and the hatred still manifested so bitterly whenever his name is mentioned in rebel circles, is the best compliment that could be paid him for his conduct in dealing with the disloyal."

The *Red Rover*, one of the rebel steamers captured at Island No. Ten, has been converted into a hospital boat to do duty with the Mississippi flotilla.

A few days since fifty-nine bales of cotton, on an open car going from Murfreesboro' to Nashville, took fire from a spark communicated by the locomotive, and were totally destroyed.

Hon. H. S. SANFORD, Minister to Belgium, has presented the First Minnesota Regiment with a small battery of three rifled steel cannon—six-pounders—with their equipments.

Capt. HENRY A. DURIVAGE, of the cavalry battalion, attached to Gen. BUTLER's Division, died on the 23d ult. He is supposed to have had a sudden attack of heart complaint, to which he was subject, and to have fallen into the river from the transport on which his company was moving up the Mississippi.

The Committee appointed by the Law Institute to investigate the case of Mr. JAMES—the matter of his admission to the Bar of New-York, and his professional position in England at the time—have reported adversely to Mr. JAMES, demanding that the order admitting him be revoked, unless he show good cause why such action should not be taken. In the case of the agent of the Associated Press, against FRANCIS O. J. SMITH, for libel, which is now pending in the Superior Court, before Justice MONELL, Mr. CRAIG was sworn yesterday in his own behalf, testifying that he never cut the telegraph wires, as alleged, and that he never made a statement to anyone to that effect. Evidence was also introduced to impeach the party who testified before the Massachusetts Legislative Committee that the plaintiff had so stated.

The Stock Market opened languidly yesterday, but gained strength during the day and closed firmly. American Gold fell to 103@103¼ per cent. Exchange on London, 113½@113¾.

A good demand prevailed for the principal kinds of Breadstuffs, yesterday, at steady rates. Provisions were in moderate request, as were also Hops, Coffee, Molasses, East India Rice, Logwood, Laths, Lead, Pepper, Teas and Whalebone. Ingot Copper, Raisins, Hay, Sugars, Tallow and Kentucky Tobacco were freely purchased. Hides and Leather attracted considerable attention, and were somewhat firmer. Whisky was in fair demand, but at unsettled prices. Cotton was quiet. The freight market was less active, though shippers had any existing advantage. Included in the charters was a vessel to load with heavy goods for New-Orleans, and with Cotton at New-Orleans, for Falmouth, England, and orders. The changes in other branches of trade were unimportant.

FROM NEW-YORK TO THE CAPITAL.—Congress has put an extinguisher upon the Metropolitan Railroad Bill, one of the pleasantest little jobs of the session. With swelling promise of opening a much-needed Military and Post Road between Washington and New-York, upon which the time of transit might be reduced by several hours, and the fares curtailed several dollars, the bill simply contemplated a new railroad between Baltimore and Washington, with no mentionable advantages over the one now in existence. And this enterprise was to be aided by a loan of Government credit. It required but a first reading of the bill to put it upon the table, where it will lie till the Greek Kalends.

The wise thing for Congress to do just now, while we wait for a wiser to be done hereafter, is to constitute the present shore line a post road, requiring it to be completed either through or around Philadelphia and Baltimore, insisting upon a double track all the way, and that the Susquehannah be bridged at Havre-de-Grace. By these stipulations the time occupied between this City and Washington may be brought within eight hours, and the journey made with safety. When a bill to this effect is introduced, we earnestly beg that it be not laid on the table.

How to Deal with the Rebellion in its New Field of Operations.

The rebels apparently are unwilling to risk their cause in the open field, and are withdrawing their forces from the Border to the Cotton States, to avail themselves of the advantage given them by a wide distance from the base of the operations of our Government, and by a malarious climate.

Assuming such to be their plans, how can these be met or defeated, and the rebellion subdued? Suppose them to withdraw into the central portions of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina—for these are the most defensible positions that they can fall back upon—what is the wisest policy for our Government to adopt? Could we not, in such case, surround the rebellion, and reduce it by the gradual but certain process of siege? In a few weeks more we shall have completely hemmed it in by sea. We already command the whole Atlantic coast, with the exception of Wilmington in North and Charleston in South Carolina. These will speedily fall, when a perfect blockade can be maintained by the control we shall have of all the points of ingress or egress on the coast. On the Gulf side we have every port of any importance but Mobile and Galveston. These will be captured as soon as attacked.

The rebels will then be completely cut off from all communication by sea. Their whole population will retreat inland, and condemn themselves to complete non-intercourse with all nations, as well as with the North. Upon their land frontier, cannot we erect an equally impassable barrier? Wherever we go we seize all the lines of communication, so that we leave them without any possible means of an offensive movement. In no single instance since the outbreak of the rebellion, has a movement been attempted outside the territory the rebels claimed as their own, for the reason that any such would have been impossible. The possession by our own forces of the public works of Tennessee, renders that State safe from invasion or attack. The rebels cannot operate offensively. Their strength consists simply in the *vis inertia* opposed by forces in position, which cannot be assailed without great preparation and a large force. But suppose we reclaim and hold Virginia, Tennessee and a portion of North Carolina, open the Mississippi River to navigation, and control the entire seacoast of the South—allowing the rebels to remain for a time unmolested in the positions to which we have assumed they will retreat? In the first place our maritime commerce is secure from attack. We restore order and enforce allegiance as far as our lines extend. We have accomplished the great object of the war. We have recovered full control over the portions of the country most important to be possessed and held. We are relieved of all apprehension of an offensive movement, if such were ever entertained. We have dwarfed the rebellion to proportions that are utterly contemptible. We have shown that the strength of the country in no considerable degree depended upon the South. We have all the elements of our prosperity remaining. The North was never richer or stronger. Now, having hemmed in the rebellion so as to render it innoxious to ourselves, suppose we rest for the Summer upon our arms, and abide the result of our investment? How long can the besieged sustain themselves with an inadequate supply of food, and entirely deprived of nearly all the comforts and necessaries of life—flour, leather, clothing of all kinds—in fact, nearly everything but raw cotton, pork and corn bread? How are munitions of war to be obtained? There can be no other result, in the end, but a surrender at discretion, from sheer exhaustion. A people without industries or resources cannot long be shut out from all communication with the world without being self-destroyed. The exclusion that the Southern people have already suffered has tended to weaken them in a tenfold greater degree than our arms. The command of the sea has been our crowning advantage. The moment that the penance of the blockade was established, the result was no longer doubtful.

We do not know what may be the policy of our Government, but we shall soon reach a point at which we can leave the rebellion to starve itself into submission. Hardly any alternative so dreadful as that we suggest could be presented to the rebels. Shut the scorpion up in its own den to prey upon its own vitals. How long would the poor whites, who have no interest in common with the slaveholders, or the slaves themselves, bear the privations and suffering to which they would be exposed? Internal dissensions and mutual recriminations would soon break out into open warfare, far more destructive to the rebel cause than the success of Northern arms. Guerrillas would have to prey upon their own friends. The rebels could not strike a blow that did not recoil upon their own heads, nor maintain a soldier that did not exhaust instead of strengthening them. They would be without Government that could command respect, or save society from sinking into its elemental condition. By pausing for the hot season, the positions we have gained might, in effect, enable us to reap all the advantages of vigorous offensive operations. With the lapse of time, should we see more clearly the wisest policy to be pursued, this policy must, of course, be shaped by the rebels themselves. Whatever opposes the reduction of the rebellion and the restoration of the national integrity must be destroyed, whatever this may be. Every day is something gained in dealing with the rebellion. Having stripped it of its power as an organization, we may well take a little time to see upon what basis the reconstruction of the country can be best effected.

BROWNLOW BELLIGERENT.—Parson BROWNLOW, in his speech in the Academy of Music the other evening, proposed, after the rebellion was crushed, and we had "a few weeks' rest to recruit," to "lick England and France both, if they wish it; and" (he added) "I am not certain but we will have to do it—particularly old England." The Parson is a splendid hater, and is privileged to say what would be both ungraceful and impolitic from other lips. But he will probably find out, if he stays long enough in New-York, that there is no present call for the proposed "licking." The good-natured laughter and applause that followed this utterance, had a purely ideal reference—very far from an actual indorsement of the Parson's belligerent sentiment.

Errors of the British Press.

We copied the other day an article of the London *Times*, expository of the reasons why the Northern States can never subdue the rebellion of the South. The topic is as stale as the argument; but it is worth while to record this latest of the *Times* oracles, in order that it may be fresh in the mind of the reader when events shall occur to disprove it. Here indeed the disproof is already perfect. The pillars of the rebellion are crumbling perceptibly as we look at them. The main supports it had to stand upon have already disappeared. New-Orleans and the navigation of the Mississippi; Norfolk and the traffic brought to its doors by the internal improvements of the Border States; the possession of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts; foreign sympathy, to assume in due time a practical shape; the ability of their rams and plated batteries to break the blockade and invade Yankee seaports; all these have come to naught. The manufacturers of Europe have given up all hope of the cotton crop. The pressure of the National armies is such that the chances of protracting resistance and provoking the mediatorial offices of the European Powers, by weariness of a long and apparently interminable war, have wholly disappeared. In fact, the rebels have practically given up the fight, and are *only seeking that last ditch in which they* stand pledged to die, to leave the substantial fruits of triumph in the hands of National authority.

But while such is the desperate state of affairs and unqualified hopelessness of the rebels themselves, who ought to know something of their own condition, the cheerful assurance of their British sympathizers is unabated. In the sight of the London *Times*, the prospect of National triumph was never more dim than at present. True, we have driven the enemy not only away from Washington, but off the battle-ground they had themselves selected, to wit, the soil of Virginia. We have taken possession of their entire seaboard; they have no harbor in their possession; the rapid concentration of the forces drawn around their diminished territory must presently crush them forever; and yet, seeing these things, the British spectator is wholly unable to see that the task which the people of the loyal States set for themselves is rapidly moving toward fulfillment. So utterly fatuous indeed is this English prepossession, that even the logic of fact fails to mend it. The predictions of Mr. RUSSELL, the brilliant and able correspondent of the *Times*, uniformly proved unsound. Carried away by the fatuient braggadocia of the Southern leaders, and misled by the accident of Bull Run, Mr. RUSSELL constantly asserted the impossibility of repressing the rebellion, and while he did honorable justice to the sturdy resolution of the North, and its prodigal sacrifices to restore the Union, he could only assure his European readers that these praiseworthy efforts must all be vain. Of each movement and expedition inaugurated at the North he foretold a result always belied by the event. And yet these failures, necessarily recorded among the news in the all-telling *Times*, never dissuaded that journal from its addiction to prophecy. It not only continues to prophesy editorially, but borrowing the aid of Mr. SPENCE, of Liverpool, a shrewd and able attorney for the rebels, it has had daily premonitions of the frightful disasters about to befall the National arms. We cannot better illustrate the qualifications of this gentleman for the duties assigned him on the staff of the *Times* than by quoting the following paragraph from his latest communication. It refers to the movement of the expedition against New-Orleans.

"And the end of this unpromising voyage would be New-Orleans—a city of 160,000 inhabitants, freeriers to a man, spurred by a Vigilance Committee, with large resources, inspiriting traditions of successful defence, and a large French element in its population—a race little likely to hold back from a barricade or any other kind of fighting. Here, in addition to its own resources, would be accumulated all the steamers and combatants driven down the river by the Federal advance. It is not improbable that the fleet of gunboats, iron-roofed batteries and steam rams, *under the command of such men as Mowry and other of the best officers of the former navy*, will exceed in number and power the force coming to attack them. On land, fortifications, prepared long since, will be defended by numbers equal to those of the assailants. *What the probability of success in such an enterprise is the reader may judge for himself.* Great stress is, indeed, laid on the effect of the mortar-boats; but shells, a powerful auxiliary in an attack, cannot decide a contest. There has been ample time to provide for them, and, wherever earth, bagging and timber can be found, shelter may be provided; the supply, also, will be limited, as it proved to be at Sweaborg, and there will be no means to replenish the magazines.

The expedition under Gen. BUTLER was probably intended to await the arrival of the flotilla from the North, and to cooperate with it, so as to place the city between two fires. But all experience of warfare has proved that combined movements, where the points of departure are remote and the progress of either force is exposed to accident, break down in practice, however brilliant their promise in design. Gen. BUTLER must either now face the yellow fever or make his attack alone. The latter event was expected at New-York, and, of course, with triumphant success. *A much more probable result is a disastrous repulse or a repetition of Gen. SHERMAN's operations before Savannah.*"

This is the very spirit of prophecy. It is no stronger or weaker than the entire staple of British speculation. It is founded, like all the rest, upon premises rashly assumed, and which every development of the contest must continue to refute. The Southern is a weak people, fighting for a cause they know to be bad, against a Government they know to be exhaustless in its clemency. They are believed in England to be a powerful people contending for rights incontestibly theirs, against an oppressive and unsparing Government, which withholds from them the most sacred of popular rights. This radical error infects the entire reasoning of the *Times* and its contributors. It produces absurd expectations of Southern valor, and obstinacy of resistance; it exaggerates the resources of a people presumed to be ready to stake their lives and fortunes upon the assertion of their rights. New-Orleans was the most valuable possession of the enemy. The loss was practically the end of his struggle. Yet in its defence there was nothing of the valiant and indomitable spirit predicted by the seers of the *Times*. Mooney was not heard from. His squadron of rams and rafts, and mailed batteries, was bowled down by our brave fellows as though it had been an aggregation of skiffs. The impassable forts were passed by the gunboats. The shells *did* render Jackson and St. Philip untenable; there were no barricades or defences at or in the city itself; in short, there was no spark of heroism exhibited anywhere by a population, which, when there was a British invader to encounter, exhibited the courage of Spartans. At every point, prediction was falsified, and the pretended oracle put to shame.

If reiterated lessons could cure the prejudice and misdirection of British sentiment, such reiterated blunders would not be useless. But no such cure can be relied upon. Even when the last rebel shall have been disarmed, and the reign of law and order shall be undisputed from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, we are not to expect the *Times* to qualify in the least its opinion that the rebellion is inextinguishable.

In Memoriam—Concertina.

Human sorrow is contagious. Few hearts are so steeled to suffering that even the sight of a bear robbed of her whelps will not moisten the eye of pity. Weeping Rachels always awaken sympathy—whatever doubts there may be as to the virtue of mother or children. It is enough to know that the children "are not" to open the fountains of compassion.

There *sits* near us a silent, solitary mourner, having a semi-parental relation—at least that of a faithful nurse—to a recent defunct; and it would be a denial of our common humanity if we were to bottle our tears, or if we did not summon the public to the funeral.

The *Herald* has lost a child! One of the youngest of the brood, indeed, but one of the sturdiest and best nursed—*Concertina* lived her brief day, the pet of her papa and his numerous family circle; was seized with an ague at Albany; had a terrible fright from some ugly Policemen; was put in the care of Drs. BRADY and BYRNE for "constitutional" treatment; but finally "shuffled off her mortal coil" in the hands of one who will have no occasion, it is hoped, to *Re-cord*-her. Alack! Alas! It is not alone "that tough muscle called a heart"—as Dr. BUTLER anatomized Senator MASON, of Virginia—that will bleed over this bereavement, but the still more sensitive organ—the pocket—of her papa will *bleed* too. Who of the motley throng accustomed to read the line-aments of her father's somewhat battered and smutted face—especially on Sunday mornings—can have forgotten the reflection of *Concertina's* beauty, sensationalized and displayed with untold art—but with well tolled profits? Now, to lose a child—and some hundreds of dollars a week paid into the domestic till for keeping her—before the public, is no ordinary calamity. We do not wonder at the sensitive grief and modesty combined, that have prevented her papa from uttering a word about the long sickness of his child, excepting, indeed, the hopeful signs of recovery when the "constitutional" doctors had her in hand. Even the demise of *Concertina*, and the Crowner's quest of Judge HOFFMAN are excluded from the official columns. The principal sign of sorrow is found in the increased respect ("over the left,") for the clergy and the "pious anniversary beggars," a set of idle, worthless ranters," he says, "who are too lazy to earn their own livelihood, except in this swindling manner," leaving "vice and immorality just about as rampant and prevalent as ever."

Poor old fellow! If the loss of a single child so afflicts his—pocket, what would become of him if an epidemic were to sweep off the whole family? If "Venus" and "Gambrinus," and "Bacchus," and the interesting household whose separate charms were combined in Concertina, should pass from the hectic to the death-damp condition, what would the *Herald* do? Cheer up! disconsolate friend. Your "father" has had a long life; you have lived to a very green old age; you have a numerous progeny; and who knows but other hopefuls like "Secessia" and "Concertina" may attest the virility of even afflicted senility?

SERRELL'S ENGINEER REGIMENT—A BIT OF MERCY THAT SHOULD ATONE FOR TARDY JUSTICE.—The painful rumor comes to us from Port Royal that a mutinous spirit has developed itself in the ranks of Col. SERRELL's Engineer Regiment, and that forty-five malcontents have been sentenced to hard labor on the Dry Tortugas. The fact seems to be that this admirable corps, composed of picked men, drawn from every class of our artisans, enlisted and were mustered into service as a corps of engineers—a department of service in which the pay is about one-third greater than that of the line. The Paymasters declined to recognize the regiment in the character of Engineers; and officers and men refused to take pay tendered them as infantry. The matter was referred to the War Department, where Col. SERRELL, and one officer of the corps after another, endeavored to have justice done, but wholly without success. It is remarkable, indeed, that never has business so dragged in the Department, as since it passed under the control of its actual chief. For eight months without pay, their families without means of support, Government deaf to their crying claim for justice, and obliged under an ardent sun to do the heavy labor of engineers, while receiving no compensation whatever; permission to disband and return to the aid of their dependents denied them, is it any wonder these victims of red tape tyranny should rise in a desperate spirit of mutiny?

We are glad to learn that Government has at last recognized the pretensions of this persecuted corps, by ordering it to receive full pay as an engineer corps from the date of their enlistment. As this is an admission of the injustice heretofore suffered by the men, let us hope this tardy concession may be followed by a full and cordial amnesty to the mutineers, who, we venture to say, have no longer a disposition to revolt, now Government has removed an irritable pretension to mutiny.

A GRAND TRANSOCEANIC RACE.—The delay in the appearance of the *Great Eastern* is accounted for upon the supposition that she did not leave Milford Haven until the 7th, the day following that announced for her departure. In any event, assuming her ability to make the Western transatlantic trip in ten days, she is now fully due here, and her arrival may occur at any moment.

The present voyage of the great ship is regarded with more interest, because a rival steamship, principally of iron, and second only to the *Great Eastern* in size, follows her across the Atlantic. The *Scotia* is the latest and most splendid creation of the Cunard Company. Four hundred feet in length, built principally of iron, with primary reference to safety, speed being a secondary consideration, the *Scotia* is nevertheless expected to make one of the most remarkable passages ever performed. As she left Liverpool on the 10th inst., it is reasonable to expect her here on Tuesday. In England, this match against time between two of the largest and finest results of human skill and cunning, is watched with the deepest interest. At present the *Great Eastern* does not promise to come out of the encounter first and best.

HONORS FOR OUR NAVAL HEROES.—We are glad to learn that the Naval Committee of the House has acted favorably on a bill to establish new grades of rank in the navy. Ten orders are provided for, by the bill, including Admirals, Commodores, &c. The measure is one greatly needed, and its adoption has often been urged in these columns. It cannot be doubted that favorable action will at once be taken upon it by both the House and Senate. The man who took New-Orleans is still but a Captain; FOOTE is only Captain FOOTE; and so with DUPONT. All these gallant sailors should be Admirals; as, had their operations been conducted on land, they would certainly all have been Major-Generals. The highest grade, however, should be limited to a small number, and should be conferred as an honor only upon those who have performed the most glorious deeds.

RUMORS OF RICHMOND.—Foolish reports of the surrender of Richmond go about the streets. These anticipations of events sure to happen, are always repeated and exaggerated, and find always a class of people furnished with exhaustless reasons why they may be true. Of one thing an impatient pub-

We may be assured—for, capture of Richmond will be known to the authorities at Washington as soon as possible after it shall occur; and [illegible] the contraband of war, it will very probably be sent by the War Department on the wings of lightning to the uttermost corners of the land. It is only when we have suffered by reverses that intelligence is withheld and manufactured, day after day, until the public is benighted with doubt and impatience.

Western Sanitary Commission.

St. Louis, Wednesday, May 7, 1862.

JAMES A. ROOSEVELT, Esq.—*Dear Sir:* I was [illegible] yesterday to send us, if you could, 1000 shirts and drawers. The sick and wounded in this Department is so large, and so many are under our care, that our stock is completely exhausted. We have our Union ladies hard at work making them, but still they are sent out faster than we can get them in. Fresh sick are coming in every day; new hospitals are being established, and more are expected.

The wounded from battle are almost entirely destitute, and their every want has to be supplied.

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TWELFTH-STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ... between 5th and 6th-avs. ... SUNDAY, May 18, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., by Rev. E. H. Gillett, Pastor elect. Subject in the morning, "The Red Sea—Ex. 15:1, 19. Rev. ... will preach at 3 P. M. Strangers ... THURSDAY EVENING, at 7½, ...

OUR RELIGIOUS WORK IN ARMY ... will be a special meeting in aid of the work of the American Sunday-School Union, ... for the sick and wounded ... Bible-Reader," Ex. ... Hall, Tabernacle, ... Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D. ... EVENING, the 18th inst., at 7½ o'clock. At ... Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D.

A FAREWELL MISSIONARY MEETING, ... Rev. Ward W. Rugg ... 5th-av., and 20th-st., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Rev. Dr. De Witt will preside. A statement will be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. Brodhead, and others.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, ... north side of 35th-st., and east of 5th-av. ... SUNDAY at 10½ A.M. and 7½ o'clock P.M. The Rector, Rev. E. A. Paddock, will officiate. Sermon in the morning ... Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D.

FIFTH-PLACE M. E. CHURCH—CORNER ... Rev. R. M. Hatfield, of Brooklyn, Pastor, will preach at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Trustees in attendance at the door to seat strangers. A Missionary Meeting at 3 P. M., will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Reisenlauer, Chaplain of the Navy, and others, who have just returned from Port Royal.

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A SERIES OF SERMONS ON THE "GARDEN OF THE LORD"—Rev. H. Ward Beecher will ... Sermon, "The Garden of Delight," will be the subject for the Sabbath evening's discourse, at the Plymouth Church, on SUNDAY EVENING. Rev. Thomas Arthur Bickford, who preach at 10½ A. M. and at 7½ P. M.

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OPEN-AIR PREACHING.—REV. M. BAXTER, of the Pleasant Church, will preach (weather permitting) at the Stand above Fifth-av. Hotel, at 3 P. M., and in the Monument in Union-square at 5 P. M., SUNDAY, and every evening next week at 6½ o'clock, in Jane.

BY FIRE AND THE SWORD WILL THE ... be lost sight of at dusk—in Isrl., 19—before and at the Second Advent, about 1866-70. A lecture on this, at Lyceum, No. 30 Cooper Institute, SUNDAY, at 3½ P. M., by Rev. M. Baxter, Sydenham Minister. Seats free.

WASHINGTON-ST. M. E. CHURCH, BROOKLYN.—Preaching on SUNDAY, 18th, by Rev. F. S. Du Hart, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Subject of the morning, "Assurance," by request: "Methodism—Her Peculiarities and Mission." All seats free. The public are cordially invited to attend.

SEFIRITUALISM.—PROGRESS AND CHURCH OF THE DIVINE UNITY.—L. June Parker will lecture in the Church of the United Unity, Eighth-st., between 3d and 4th-avs., SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Hymns by Rev. Joseph Longking, Rev. Alfred Cheeseman and Rev. Henry J. Fox. There will be interesting singing exercises by the children of the School.

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FIFTH-STREET HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, ... Sabbath-school attached, EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Short addresses instead of a sermon. Strangers and friends are cordially invited. Direct route, through Broadway to Worth-st., thence to the Five Points.

REV. R. W. CHIDLAW WILL ADDRESS ... the Union Reformed Dutch Church on 6th-av., opposite Amity-st., SUNDAY, immediately after o'clock P. M. Friends of the cause are cordially invited. Also, preaching by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Brodhead, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.

"A REGIONAL REBELLION AND SECESSION to Triumph in God's Empire!"—Rev. S. G. Brooks will preach on this subject at the 10th-st. Universalist Church, between 5th and 7th avs., on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3½ o'clock. Sermon in the MORNING ... Subject, "The Garden of Delight."

A SERIES OF SERMONS ON THE "GARDEN OF THE LORD"—Rev. H. Ward Beecher will ... Sermon, "The Garden of Delight," will be the subject for the Sabbath evening's discourse, at the Plymouth Church, on SUNDAY EVENING. Rev. Thomas Arthur Bickford, who preach at 10½ A. M. and at 7½ P. M.

[illegible] SUNDAY, May 18, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. [illegible] Prayer Meeting ...

GEORGE STORRS—EDITOR OF THE BIBLE ... will preach at Belmont Hall, No. 68 East Broadway, in the Church, waiting for the Coming of Christ to reign on His kingdom and sit upon the throne of David, SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock, A. M. and 3 P. M. All lovers of Bible truth are cordially invited to attend.

OPEN-AIR PREACHING.—REV. M. BAXTER, of the Pleasant Church, will preach (weather permitting) at the Stand above Fifth-av. Hotel, at 3 P. M., and in the Monument in Union-square at 5 P. M., SUNDAY, and every evening next week at 6½ o'clock, in June.

BY FIRE AND THE SWORD WILL THE ... be lost sight of at dusk—in Israel, 19—before and at the Second Advent, about 1866-70. A lecture on this, at Lyceum, No. 30 Cooper Institute, SUNDAY, at 3½ P. M., by Rev. M. Baxter, Sydenham Minister. Seats free.

WASHINGTON-ST. M. E. CHURCH—FIFTY-THIRD ... Broadway and 8th-av. The Anniversary of the Sunday-School attached to this Church will be held ... AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Henry ... will be present. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Jesse Lowrie

FINANCIAL.

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COUPONS FOR THE TREASURY NOTES,
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ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELLERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

THE BALANCE OF $250,000 OF "THE NEW-YORK COUNTY COURT-HOUSE STOCK."—Sealed proposals will be received at the Comptroller's Office, until 12 o'clock M., May 17, 1862, when opened, for the whole or any portion of the Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of "New-York County Court-house Stock," authorized by the Act of the Legislature of 1858, and by an ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, approved by the Mayor, April 19, 1858.

The said stock is to provide means to pay for the land purchased for a new County Court-house, and to erect such Court-house thereon. It will bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of May and November, and the principal will be redeemable in consecutive annual installments of one hundred thousand dollars each, commencing with the first day of November, A.D., 1868.

The proposals will state the amount of stock desired, which must be one hundred dollars thereof; and the persons whose proposals are accepted, will be required to deposit with the County Treasurer, within fifteen days after the opening of the bids, the sum awarded to them respectively.

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposits, the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par stock, with coupons attached, bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed, "Proposal for New-York County Court-house Stock," and addressed to a special envelope addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved to reject any or all of the bids, if deemed necessary to protect or promote the interests of the County.

ROBT. T. HAWS, Comptroller.
CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 5, 1862.

THE RECEIVER OF THE CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD COMPANY gives notice that the assets of the Company are in his hands for distribution, pursuant to the decree of the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of Ohio; that by the order of the Court the portion of the earnings of the road can be applied to the payment of any of the unsecured indebtedness of the Company. All the earnings, after paying operating expenses, rent and mortgage interest, will be applied to the principal of these debts, which are due and secured, amounting at the present time to about a million of dollars. The income on the old mortgage bonds, which has all been provided for from the earnings of the road, and the next interest to be paid on the funded debt mortgage bonds (given in exchange for the unsecured indebtedness) on the 1st day of July, 1862. The holders of the Bills Payable, Bond and Mortgage Bonds, Preferred Bonds and Bills Payable, who have not yet accepted the terms of composition offered them with the approval of the United States Court are notified to exchange their bonds and notes before the 20th day of June, 1862, or they will not be entitled to receive any portion of the earnings of the road. Interest will be paid only to those who accept the new bonds.

The new bonds can be obtained in exchange for any unsecured indebtedness at the office of the Company in Cleveland, or at No. 32 William-st., New-York City, of
M. G. KINGSLEY, J. N. McCULLOUGH, Receiver.

THE TURKISH BATH COMPANY.—IN compliance with the wishes of the public, the shares of the Turkish Bath Company have been reduced to the following low terms: Ten dollars for five shares, or to the holder of one will, besides the regular dividends, have the privilege of a free ticket, available once in every day of the year, which guarantees twelve per cent. on the investment.

Applications to the Stock of the TURKISH BATH COMPANY, will may be received at the office of the Company, No. 1 Park-row, Herald, Post, Express, Journal of Commerce, Times, Tribune, World, Venity Fair, and at Apgar's, No. 132 Water-st.

The following gentlemen compose the Board of Directors:

Hon. A. W. Bradford, LL.D., Valentine Mott, M. D.,
Hon. Gerit Smith, Esq., John Ordronaux, M. D.,
Hon. Silas Wright, LL.D., Hon. Gerry Countess,
Hon. Ira Harris, Law School, J. S. Thayer, Esq.,
Hon. Henry Fowler, Hon. Daniel P. Thompson,
Hon. Henry Onderdonk, Hon. John Torrey, M. D.,
Hon. Henry Hogg, LL.D., Rev. Wm. H. Van Buren, M. D.,
Hon. Gerit Smith, Sanitary Commission.

G. C. GUARTAN, Secretary and General Manager.
N. B.—Dr. OSKANYAN can be seen at the Office of the Company, No. 1 Park-row, or at No. 37 Lafayette-place.

OFFICE OF THE HOPE FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
New-York, Tuesday, May 13, 1862.
AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on the 12th inst., the following named gentlemen were chosen for the ensuing year:

JACOB REESE,	FRED'K. SCHUCHARDT,
THEODORE W. RILEY,	S. L. SUYDAM,
H. CARBERLING,	ROB'T. SCHELL,
HENRY FOULKE,	STEPHEN HYATT,
HENRY TABER,	WILLIAM H. FERRY,
JAMES S. SANFORD,	JOSEPH BRITTON,
JOHN DENFOLD,	HENRY S. LEVERICH,
JOSEPH GRIFTON,	AMOS ROBBINS,
JOHN W. MESSEREAU,	LEBBEUS E. WARD,
THOMAS N. CUMMINGS,	WM. REMSEN.

And at a subsequent meeting of the Board, JACOB REESE, Esq., was unanimously reelected President of the Company. THOMAS GREENLEAF, Secretary.

BANK OF NEW-YORK.—AT AN ELECTION for Directors of the Bank of New-York, for the ensuing year, held on TUESDAY, the 13th inst., the following gentlemen were chosen:

Anthony P. Halsey,	Peter V. King,
Charles E. Bill,	Ezra Wheeler,
E. Remsen Graves,	Philetus H. Holt,
Charles F. Leverich,	William Cothout,
Jacob Lane,	Gardiner G. Howland,
Frederick Schuchardt,	John N. Bradley,

Jas. E. Hooker.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 16th inst., ANTHONY P. HALSEY was reelected President and CHARLES F. LEVERICH Vice-President.
W. S. MEEKER, Cashier.

ONTARIO BANK.—RECEIVER'S NOTICE.—Pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Ontario Bank, (of Canada), or of the Ontario French Bank, (of Utica,) that they are to hand in the same, with vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, at their office, No. 52 Cedar-st., New-York City, on or before the 1st day of July next; and that all such claims not so delivered in during the said space will not be included in the dividend.
Dated New-York, May 12, 1862.
EDWARD A. WETMORE,
Receiver of the Ontario Bank.

OFFICE OF THE MILWAUKEE AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD COMPANY, MILWAUKEE, April 21, 1862.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad Company, for the election of Directors of said Company, will be held, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of May, 1862, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of that day, at the office of said Company, in the Passenger Depot Building, in the City of Milwaukee. By order of the Board of Directors.
ANSON W. HEYES, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD CO.,
COURT-ST., CORNER OF EAST-RIVER.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company for the annual election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, May 13, 1862. The polls to be opened from 11 o'clock at noon, to 2 P. M. The transfer books will be closed from 6 o'clock P. M. of the 10th until 10 A. M. of the 21st.
W. BURNHAM, Secretary and Treas.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.,
No. 56 WALL-ST., New-York, May 12, 1862.
DIVIDEND.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND of Three Dollars per share, out of the net earnings of the Company, will be paid on the 20th inst., and respectfully solicited.
C. J. HILLIARD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HARLEM CHAMBER RAILROAD CO.,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, May 16, 1862.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Harlem Chamber Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Chicago, on WEDNESDAY, May 28, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time the transfer books will be closed on the 20th of May, and reopened on the 1st of June.
E. M. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY,
Corner of 4th-st. and 4th-av.,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, May 16, 1862.
A DIVIDEND OF THREE DOLLARS PER SHARE has been declared on the capital stock of this Company, payable to stockholders of record from date. The transfer books will be closed from date to 20 M. to that date. By order of the Board of Directors.
W. BENEDICT, Treas.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY—No. 6 MAIDEN-LANE, NEW-YORK, May 12, 1862.—The annual election for Directors will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, 13th inst., between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.
W. H. BLEECKER, Sec'y.

FOR SALE—FIRST MORTGAGE SACRAMENTO City Bonds, bearing 10 per cent. interest, payable in gold. Apply to
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BRUSHES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION AT the French Factory, No. 348 Pearl-st., Harper's Building. All articles at the lowest cash prices. Public institutions of a corporate quality constantly on hand.
JOHN R. HOFFEL.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been made for opening, by condemnation, the streets, avenues, and places, and for the damages to be occasioned thereby, viz.:

Hewes-st., from the cross-walk from the foot of Jackson-street to the East River landing; also, across Jackson-street at Ferry landing.

And, also, for a cross-walk on the westerly line of Broadway, from Thirty-third-street to Thirty-fourth-street, as a continuation of the present cross-walk from Thirty-third-street to Thirty-second-street.

All persons interested in the above, or either of them, and having objections thereto, are requested to present the same in writing to the Contract Clerk, at this office, on or before SATURDAY, May 17, 1862.

THOS. STEPHENS, } Croton
THOS. B. TAPPEN, } Aqueduct
A. W. CRAVEN, } Board.
OFFICE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, May 6, 1862.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that resolutions for the construction of sewers on the streets and avenues hereinafter mentioned, have been presented to the Board of Councilmen and referred to the Committee on Roads, to wit: At the intersection of One Hundred and Ninetieth-street with Avenue A and First, Second and Third avenues; across Second-avenue at One Hundred and Twenty-second-street; at the intersection of One Hundred and Eighty-third-street with Avenues A, First and Second; across Second-avenue at One Hundred and Twenty-third-street; at intersection of Second-avenue and One Hundred and Tenth-street; across First-avenue at One Hundred and Fourteenth-street; across Second-avenue at One Hundred and Fourteenth-street, and across Third-avenue at Fifty-ninth-street. All persons interested in the above, or either of them, and have objections thereto, are requested to present the same in writing, to the Contract Clerk, at this office, on or before Saturday, May 17, 1862.

THOMAS STEPHENS, } Croton
THOS. B. TAPPEN, } Aqueduct
A. W. CRAVEN, } Board.
OFFICE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, May 6, 1862.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EXCISE, No. 15 CENTRE-ST., AND No. 7 CHAMBERS-ST., NEW-YORK, April 28, 1862.
TO THE INN, TAVERN AND HOTEL KEEPERS AND LIQUOR DEALERS OF THIS CITY.—The Board of Excise will commence on the 20th of May, 1862, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Common Pleas Court Room, Part No. 1, for the purpose of granting licenses for the ensuing excise year, and will close the same after a session of fifty days.

The Blank Petitions and Bonds can be had at the offices of the undersigned.

WM. J. HASKETT, President of the Board,
No. 15 Centre-st.
ROBERT D. HOLMES, Counsel to the Board,
No. 7 Chambers-st.
NOAH A. OSBORN, Commissioner, &c.,
No. 40 West 26th-st.

N. B.—Notice is hereby given that the penalties prescribed by the law will be rigidly enforced.

THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 8, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Committee will have an opportunity of being heard.
I. PARSLEY,
IRA A. ALLEN,
G. A. JEREMIAH,
Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, in the Committee Room, City Hall.
ALEX. FREAR,
IRA A. ALLEN,
WILLIAM WALSH,
Committee on Fire Department.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE Application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening of Ninety-fourth-street, from Third-avenue to the East River, in the City of New-York.

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to JOSEPH G. SKADEN, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 52 Nassau-street, in this City, on or before the 19th day of May, 1862.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office of the City and County of New-York, there to remain until the 26th day of June, 1862.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those pieces of land lying and being on Ninetieth-street, in the City of New-York, between the Fifth-avenue and the East River, and extending on either side of said Ninetieth-street half the distance to the next street thereto. And

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the City Hall in the City of New-York, on the 26th day of June, 1862, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion *will be made that the said report be confirmed.*

JOSEH G. SKADEN,
WILLIAM L. COLE, } Commissioners.
GILBERT PALMER.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF THE Surrogate of the County of New-York, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOSEPH GOODWIN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his residence on the 7th-av., between 126th and 127th-sts., in the City of New-York, on or before the 10th day of October next. Dated New-York, May 10, 1862.

ARCHIBALD WATT,
SARAH STARR,
m10-lawtw8* Administrators with the will annexed.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF THE Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against HENRY HENDRICKS, late of the City of New-York, Merchant, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their office, No. 61 Broad-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 24 day of October next. Dated New-York, March 28, 1862.

A. M. HENDRICKS,
ALFRED TOBIAS, } Executors.
m28-lawtw8* ISAAC HENDRICKS,

PROPOSALS.

COAL.

Written proposals will be received until the 24th inst., for the delivery on the north wharf at West Point, N. Y., of the following quantities and qualities of White Ash Coal, viz.:

400 tons (2,240 lbs. per ton) Lehigh Mountain, steamboat size.

Also,

750 tons (2,240 lbs. per ton) egg size,
750 tons (2,240 lbs. per ton) stove size,
of either Beaver Mountain, Buck Mountain or Baltimore Vein, Wyoming.

Price of each stated separately.

Coal can be delivered from the Schuylkill, Lehigh and Wyoming districts at the West Point wharf from canal boats which receive it at the mines, without breaking bulk, via the Schuylkill and Delaware and Raritan Canal.

More than the ordinary facilities for unloading will be furnished. The coal to be delivered between the 1st of June and the 24th of August next.

EDWARD C. BOYNTON,
Captain and Quartermaster Military Academy.
WEST POINT, N. Y., May 9, 1862.

PROPOSALS FOR THE SUPPLY OF Fresh beef for use of United States troops stationed at Fort Columbus, New-York harbor, for one year, commencing 1st June, 1862, will be received at the office of the A. A. C. S., Fort Columbus, New-York harbor, until 12 o'clock M. on the 21st inst. The beef to be of the first quality, in equal proportions of fore and hind quarters (necks and shanks excluded,) and to be delivered at Fort Columbus at such times and in such quantities as may be required. Two securities of $5,000 each will be required for the faithful fulfilment of the contract. Proposals will be addressed to First Lieut. E. E. Childs, Sixth Infantry, chief of A. A. C. S., Fort Columbus, New-York harbor, and be indorsed "Proposals for the supply of Fresh Beef." The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids which he deems extravagant or on doubtful securities.
E. E. CHILDS,
First Lieutenant Sixth Infantry, A. A. C. S.
OFFICE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, May 12, 1862.

TO CONTRACTORS.—SEALED PROPOSALS (indorsed "Proposals for Hewing Stone, &c.,") will be received at this office until Monday, May 26, 1862, at 12 o'clock M., at which time the bids will be opened.

For the construction of certain Receiving Basins and Culverts, made necessary by the grading of Chambers-street and Peacedale, Croton, Chatham-square and East River.

For further information apply to the Contract Clerk at this office.
THOMAS STEPHENS, } Croton
THOS. B. TAPPEN, } Aqueduct
A. W. CRAVEN, } Board.

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THOMAS W. BEACH, Sole Agent,
No. 26 Beekman, corner of William-st., New-York.

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Dr. BARROW may be confidentially consulted personally, from 11 till 2, and from 4 till 8 o'clock, at No. 198 Bleecker-st., four doors from Macdougal-st., New-York.

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DR. COBBETT, MEMBER OF THE N. Y. University, (Medical College,) and Royal College of Surgeons, London, has removed from No. 19 Duane-st. to his more convenient suite of rooms at No. 22 Centre-st., between Chambers and Reade-sts., with a private entrance at No. 6 City Hall-place, where he can be consulted with the most honorable confidence on all diseases affecting the urinary organs; thirty years in his present specialty, (three of which have been at the Hospital in this City,) enables him to guarantee a cure in every case undertaken, or make no charge. Stricture of the urethra, impotency, seminal weakness, &c., treated on the most scientific principles. N. B.—As a proof of Dr. C.'s qualifications, he would call special attention to his Diplomas, which can be seen in his office.

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GEN. McCLELLAN'S ADVANCE.

New-Kent Court-House—Burning Commissary Stores—A Reconnoissance—The Gunboats—A Brilliant Dash.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

NEW-KENT COURT-HOUSE, VA., Sunday Evening, May 11, 1862.

The same force of our troops that were here last night are here this morning. Another body of men are now stationed about two miles at our right, at a place called Cumberland. The main force has not yet come up, but will probably be here to-morrow.

New-Kent Court-house is a place containing eight buildings, besides several negro huts. The buildings include a Court-house, County Clerk's office, and a tavern. When we arrived here yesterday, the jail, and a private house containing five thousand bushels of corn, were burning. The flames had progressed too far to make it an object to extinguish them.

This town was occupied by the rebels an hour before our advanced force reached it. Skirmishers were immediately sent forward, who scoured the country for a distance of eight miles, and returned without meeting with any rebels in force.

Two correspondents passed the afternoon in a house which had been used in the morning by the rebel Gen. J. R. Jones, as his headquarters. Several letters addressed to officers also a despatch from Richmond addressed to Gen. Hampton, suggesting the best routes for the retreating army to take, were picked up. Adjoining this house is a law-office, containing a valuable library. The floor was covered with documents and letters, many of the latter being quite amusing. A laughing speech, written on twenty sheets of foolscap, supposed by its tenor to have been delivered before the gunless army at this place, was discovered. The speech referred principally to what the rebels should do in case of their soil being occupied by domestic invaders, and concluded with a long tale of a Yankee boy bombast.

This morning the transportation of cavalary went out on a reconnoissance, taking a road running nearly parallel with the York River. They proceeded a distance of five miles from New-Kent Court-house, and returned to an elegant mansion, which they found vacated by the owners. The sole occupant of the house was a negro woman, who had under her charge about three hundred slaves. The latter expressed unbounded delight upon seeing our force this up. We learned that the house was the property of Col. Lee, of the rebel army. Upon an inner door some pencil-marks informed us that the house was the same in which Gen. Washington was married, and conjured us to respect the premises on that account. Upon reading the inscription, one of our own men wrote beneath: "The Yankees have prevented these premises from being desecrated by the rebels," which is indeed true, if we may judge by the depredations they have committed all along the road from Williamsburgh. The inhabitants complain bitterly of the treatment they received from the rebels, and state that all their provisions and forage were eaten and carried off by them. In some few instances the rebels tendered Confederate notes in payment, but, as a general thing, they took without offering to remunerate the owners, merely remarking that the Yankees would sweep everything before them, and that the Southern army had better relieve them of the trouble.

At Col. Lee's residence were found 7,000 bushels of wheat and 60 barrels of corn. At this point the main road crosses the railroad leading from West Point to Richmond.

At New-Kent Court-house the retreating rebel army separated—one portion, under Gen. Johnston, taking the main road at the right, and the other portion, under Gen. Magruder, taking a branch road at the left. The two roads connect at Col. Lee's house by means of a military road, commencing at a point on the main road, about a mile from the Court-house. The telegraph wire is up on both roads.

Part of our gunboats passed over the sunken vessels which the rebels had placed in York River, and came up Pamunkey Creek, as far as Cumberland, this morning. After making a short stay, one gunboat went ahead six miles, and had not returned at the hearing of this letter.

This morning Geneas Seiner, Company B, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, was accidentally drowned while bathing in Pamunkey Creek. The water at the point where he went in is 14 feet in depth.

This afternoon, Lieut. M. Daniels, of the Signal Corps, could see, by aid of a glass, the rebel column moving round a hill, probably on their way to Richmond. The hill is fifteen miles distance from Cumberland, at which place the Signal Corps have established a station.

The charge made by our cavalry, under the direction of Gen. Stoneman, last Friday, was the most brilliant event that has transpired since we have been on the Peninsula. As long as we have Gen. Stoneman and the Sixth Regular Cavalry to take the lead, we need not fear for the result.

Lieut. B. T. Hutchings, of Company E, Sixth Cavalry, while dashing through the rebel column, had his horse shot from under him. The Lieutenant was slightly injured about the face. He instantly mounted another horse, however, and joined his squadron.

Annexed is a list of the killed and wounded in the skirmish of Friday. They all belonged to the Sixth Regular Cavalry:

Killed.

Abel A. Irish, Co. E, Adrian, Mich.
Chas. O'Hara, Co. E, Columbus, Ohio.
Chas. Kline, Co. E, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Wounded.

Lieut. B. T. Hutchings, Co. E, slightly.
[illegible], Co. E, head and hand.
[illegible], Co. E, thigh.
[illegible], Co. E, shoulder.
[illegible], Co. E, head, severely.
[illegible], Co. E, neck, severely.
[illegible], Co. E, both legs, severely.
Robert C. Wagner, head, slightly.
Robert J. Caruthers, Co. K, breast, severely.
Also, three members of Co. A, slightly.

Missing.

Robert Crage, Co. E, Adrian, Mich.
Elisha J. Eliot, Co. E, Adrian, Mich.
Philetus Finch, Co. E, Adrian, Mich.

The wounded were conveyed to West Point and properly cared for. WHIT.

NEAR ROYAL'S CERNER, Monday night, May 12, 1862.

We are on the march again, in the morning, toward Richmond, after a two days' halt at this place. An order comes in to-night forbidding any correspondents to advance toward the front beyond the general headquarters—a benevolent provision, doubtless, to prevent our characteristic intrepidity and enterprise carrying us into danger. Napoleon shot a publisher; McClellan is determined that all correspondents under his command shall be restrained from the risk of failure, whether they will or not. Such is the progress of the age.

A military execution is to take place to-morrow. A negro is to be hung for an outrage on two white women, while our army was passing through Williamsburgh. By the sentence of the Court-Martial the body is to be left hanging as a warning to evil doers.

The Advance Forces at White House Incensed—Rebel Flotilla Destroyed—Outrages of the Rebel Soldiers, &c.

WHITE HOUSE, VA., Tuesday, May 13.

Our advance force at this point has been increased since last evening. The burned railroad bridge has not as yet been replaced, although that matter could be readily and easily accomplished in a short space of time, as the immediate neighborhood abounds in timber of suitable shape and growth. The engineers have been very busy all day in taking fish from the river by means of nets, also cooking corn-cake and blackbiscuit, which they have sold to our men at good prices.

I learn, that previous to the rebels leaving this section of country, they contemplated building ten gunboats—two of which they had nearly completed at the time of their departure. In order to save these five vessels from falling into our hands, they were burnt to the water's edge, and what machinery they contained was taken out and destroyed. This work of destruction occurred last Friday night. The gunboats were of small dimensions, and if they had been successfully launched and mounted with guns, would have probably gone to the bottom upon receiving a single fair shot from one of our iron-clad war-steamers.

I was informed, to-day, by the Union people who inhabit Indian Island, that the rebels took with them, up Pamunkey River, one steamer and twenty-five sailing vessels, mostly iron-clad. The steamer (*Logan*) was iron-clad, had side wheels, drew six feet of water, and was formerly engaged in the coal trade between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. She could go up the river a distance of twenty-five miles. Possibly all or most of these vessels have been destroyed; if not, it is undoubtedly the intention of the rebels to destroy them whenever our gunboats shall approach the head of the river.

A Union man named Capt. Armenson, a native of New-Jersey, and for several years a resident near West Point, has been a great sufferer on account of the rebellion. In constructing their vessels, the rebels took from him a large quantity of hewn timber, which he had purposed sending North before the commencement of the war. The rebels did not offer to recompense him for his property, and when they destroyed the vessels, also applied the torch to his dwelling, which was burnt to the ground. This dastard act of the rebels is conformable with their practice all along the road from Yorktown. In fact it does not appear that they have made any discrimination between the Union people in their midst and the actual supporters of rebellion. On the route hither I called at several houses near the roadside for the purpose of obtaining a glass of water or a morsel of something to eat. The inmates, who, from their manner and conversation, I judged to be favorably disposed toward rebellion, have invariably told me, and some with tears in their eyes, that the rebel army did not hesitate to devastate their possessions, and take from them every article of subsistence they could find. A personal reconnoissance of the premises satisfied me that the statements of the people were quite true. Bacon and corn bread has formed the extent of their provisions, except in one or two instances, that I have been able to secure from any of the inhabitants to which I have applied.

This afternoon, the Eight Pennsylvania Cavalry, while out on a scouting expedition, discovering a masked battery, mounting six guns, on the main road, three miles from New-Kent Court-house. When the cavalry was within four hundred yards, the rebel fired two shots, which caused the troop to wheel about and retrace their steps. The enemy fired six more shots as the force was returning. Reinforcements were immediately sent out by Gen. Stoneman, and an engagement is expected to take place during the night. The Eight Pennsylvania Cavalry had one man slightly wounded. No other casualties on our side occurred.

Three rebel deserters came in to-day. They report that the enemy has 80,000 men near the Chickahominy River, and intends to make a strong stand at that point. WHIT.

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. MITCHEL.

A Body of Rebels Driven Out of Rogersville, and Across the Tennessee River—Seizure of Bridges and Ferries—Gunboats Improvised, &c.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD DIVISION, HUNTSVILLE, Ala., CAMP TAYLOR, May 15.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

At 6 P. M. on the 13th inst., Gen. Negley's expedition from Pulaski, supported by Col. Little's expedition from Athens, entered Rogersville, driving the enemy across the Tennessee River, and destroying a portion of the ferry-boats. Having learned of the approach of Col. Little's force, the enemy succeeded in removing their artillery, baggage, and stores, before the arrival of Gen. Negley. I expected an obstinate defence at the passage of the Elk River, and accompanied Col. Little in person, but without crossing. The enemy, as usual, fled at our approach.

I ordered yesterday an expedition to move promptly from Rogersville to seize the bridge across Shoal Creek, and the ferry below the mouth of the same stream. This duty has been promptly executed, and the ferry and bridge are ours. No more troops will enter from that region, and we have now upon this side of the river 1,500 or 1,500 cavalry of the enemy, in bands of 300 or 400, whom we will endeavor to hunt down, destroy or capture.

The gunboat which I have extemporized will be ready to-day, and I will soon be able to pay my respects to the enemy in the eastern side of the region under my command.

(Signed) O. M. MITCHEL, Major-Gen.

[Rogersville is a post-village in Lauderdale County, Northern Alabama, 24 miles east of Florence, and near the Tennessee River. The Elk River enters the Tennessee in the eastern corner of Lauderdale County. It is a considerable stream, navigable for steamboats as far as Elkton, in Tennessee, 40 miles up.]

Dashing Operations of the Union Troops in Northeastern Alabama—Brisk Skirmishing—The Rebels Frightened—Arrest of Ex-Gov. Clay.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Tuesday, May 6, 1862.

The expedition which, under Lieut.-Col. Keifer, crossed the Tennessee, upon the 1st of May, and penetrated to the State of Georgia, had just returned to camp at Bridgeport, when an order came to march that same night to Stevenson, distant eleven miles.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when the march commenced. The Third and Tenth Ohio, which were all of Col. Lyle's Brigade, that had come to Bridgeport, marched off together, and for five long hours of a dark and starless night, continued to flounder on through the depths and intricacies of an Alabama swamp.

It was utterly impossible for the men to keep together, and just as much so for the officers to keep with them. In places the soldiers sank over boot top in the mud and water, and waded along at that depth for a quarter of a mile at once. All order and discipline was lost, for troops became scattered in every direction; and all through the woods could be heard the sound of the soldier's voices, shouting to each other, mingled with the croaks of innumerable bull-frogs, and the shrieks of a legion of lizards.

The cheerfulness and patience with which the fatigues and hardships of this terrible march were borne, were truly astonishing; but as day began to break, nature asserted her sway, and I observed a number of the men sink down in their tracks, and in two minutes fall fast asleep.

By the time it was fairly light, we had reached the little town of Bolivar, where we halted and snatched an hour's repose. We then marched on to Stevenson, where we had the somewhat equivocal satisfaction of learning that the occasion for our rapid marching had passed away, and that we might as well have remained at Bridgeport until morning.

We rested at Stevenson until 5 P. M., and then marched forward again, expecting to meet a train of cars at Mud Creek bridge. We met it, but it was sufficient to carry only half of us, and the rest slept all night upon the railroad track, using the spaces between the ties for beds, and the iron rails for pillows.

In the morning we proceeded in the midst of a drenching rain to Bellefonte, and there found the cars and our baggage. The latter article we had not seen before from the time we left Huntsville to go to Bridgeport—an interval of nearly a week! During that whole time scarcely a man had eaten anything except a scanty supply of hard cracker, and many had never once taken off their clothes! More and more am I convinced each day, that no one but a soldier can ever fairly realize the realities of a soldier's life.

After embarking fairly upon the cars everything went smoothly, until, just after we had passed the village of Point Rock, we were startled by the report of guns; and, on stopping the train, it was ascertained that it had been fired into by some cowardly assassins, who were concealed in the bushes along the road. Two men were badly wounded. Never did I see such a change come over men as over our boys at that time. Only the minute before they had been laughing, joking, singing. Their work had been partially accomplished. They had driven the arrant rebels away from Bridgeport, and now they were returning to Huntsville in high spirits, their hearts filled with the kindliest feelings toward each other, and toward the inhabitants along the road.

But this shameful outrage, the attempted murder of two of their companions, instantly drove away every emotion save that of a keen desire for vengeance. They leaped from the cars; they traversed the woods in all directions; they scaled a range of rocky hills, and they searched for more than a mile into the depths of a dismal cave. Had a man been found with arms in his hands, he would have been shot instantly and without mercy.

It was the Third Ohio boys who were upon the train. Col. John Beatty, who commands this regiment, is not a man to be trifled with. Sternly prohibiting and suppressing all unauthorized depredations by his own men, he seems resolved that no cowardly and assassin-like outrages shall be perpetrated upon them. The moment he had ascertained the mischief committed, he hastened into the town, and in a few minutes a dense column of smoke, rolling up high into the air, from the buildings which he had ordered to be fired, announced to the people of the surrounding country what they might expect if they persisted in this dastardly warfare.

This was the fifth outrage of the kind that had been committed at the same place; and when Col. Beatty reached Huntsville, his conduct was heartily approved by Gen. Mitchel, who had just issued a proclamation denouncing the murderous conduct of the rebels, and threatening them everywhere with summary vengeance.

Three individuals were arrested on suspicion by Col. Beatty, and brought down to Huntsville.

The next day, Capt. Henry E. Cumber, Company I, Third Ohio, took a party of seventy-five men, went up to Paint Rock, secured the whole country round about, and returned at midnight, bringing with him twenty-three prisoners—amongst them Ex-Gov. Clay, the father of Clement C. Clay, Ex-United States Senator. A Military Commission, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Keifer and Capts. McDowell and Mitchel, all of the Third Ohio Regiment, has been appointed to collect and collate whatever testimony there may be to show the connection of these men with the recent outrages. If innocent, they will be released immediately; if guilty, they will suffer severe and exemplary punishment.

OPERATIONS UPON THE RIGHT

May 7.—I have taken very full notes of the movements which occurred upon our right, while the important events of which I have spoken, were taking place in the neighborhood of Bridgeport.

After the burning of the Decatur Bridge, the Eighteenth Ohio Regiment, Col. Stanley, marched to Athens, the county seat of Limestone County, from which, being attacked by Col. Scott's First Louisiana Cavalry, it soon after retired, losing some men and a portion of its camp equipage.

Col. Turchin, with a portion of his brigade, five companies of cavalry, and a detachment of artillery, left Huntsville on Friday last, and advanced toward Athens. On the way he met Col. Stanley, and the entire command proceeded onward, the cavalry six miles in advance. They encamped some few miles from Athens on Friday night, and occupied the town the next morning.

Col. Kennett continued his march beyond the town, upon the Florence road, and still in advance of the other troops about twelve miles from Athens he came upon the enemy, who was reported to be 400 strong, with three pieces of artillery. They were posted upon ground admirably selected for defensive purposes. A field lay near the road; back of the field was a wood, with a fence immediately in front of it, and swampy ground extending upon both sides of the field. The rebels were in the wood, and Col. Kennett, in attempting to dislodge them, encountered a fierce and determined opposition. But the attack was equally determined; and as sharp a conflict took place as any in which Gen. Mitchel's troops have as yet been engaged.

This fight took place upon the Elk River, six miles from Brown's Ferry, upon the Tennessee; and when the *romance* of the war is written out, it will figure conspicuously.

Our loss was 2 killed and 11 wounded.

The rebels, beside fifteen or twenty drowned in the Elk, had as many more killed and wounded. After crossing the Elk, they made haste to place themselves upon the other side of the Tennessee, also.

The rebels on the west have burned nearly all the bridges toward Decatur, and have otherwise so injured the road that the cars now run only to Madison, ten miles from Huntsville.

Col. Sill has burned the long bridge at Bridgeport, and withdrawn his brigade from that point. The trains still run in that direction, to within eight miles of Stevenson.

The water tanks and wood sheds in the vicinity of Paint of Rock Bridge were burned last night. Gen. Mitchel's indignation knows no bounds. The citizens of Huntsville and the country round about are terribly frightened; and I understand that to-day they are circulating a paper protesting against these cowardly outrages, and pledging themselves to use every endeavor to prevent their continuance, and to bring the guilty parties to punishment. The document is already numerously signed.

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI FLOTILLA.

CAIRO, Friday, May 16.

The steamer *De Soto* has arrived from the fleet. She brought no news. Not a gun or a mortar had been fired by either side for two days. The rebels and Nationals are busily engaged repairing damages and getting ready for the next encounter.

COMMODORE FOOTE'S FAREWELL.

The following is the speech made by Flag-Officer Foote to his officers and men, when he handed over his command to Capt. Davis:

"Officers and Men: It has now become my painful duty to inform you I am to leave you, though I trust only for a short time. Commodore Davis, whom the Department has seen fit to appoint my successor for the time being, is a gentleman of talent and scientific as well as naval ability—known as such not only in this but in foreign lands. He very deservedly enjoys a character which, as yet, and I know and feel will ever remain unsullied, and is the man whom I mentioned to the Department, above all others, as fit for my temporary relief. [Here, from exhaustion and a choked utterance, he was overcome. He soon rallied, and, turning to Commodore Davis, continued.] Commodore Davis, I can only say these gallant officers—men of the East, West, North, South, and of foreign climes—who now stand before you are men on whom you can depend in any emergency. I have tried one and all, and I know it; and although they may never receive the reward due their gallant and manly bearing, we have the proud satisfaction of knowing, in our interior life, that our conscience is right—that we have done our duty.

Providence has seen fit to afflict me in our triumphal hour—just as the great work allotted us is being crowned; but I trust that I may regain my failing strength, in body and mind, and be enabled to rejoin you.

The difficulties consequent in improvising a squadron like this, without means at all adequate to the work required, have been even greater than the signal victories in vindication of our glorious Union. But the work may be said to be finished, as we must, in a few days, occupy Fort Pillow, while a majority of Union people are awaiting to hail our arrival at Memphis with rejoicing, and from thence opening the Mississippi south to New-Orleans and the Balize.

The painful duty is now over. I wish I was able to introduce you singly to each officer; but I am so weak. [Touched to tears.] I introduce you to Mr. Duryee, Mr. Burny, and—there Capt. Phelps relieves him by introducing Com. Davis to each officer singly. Pointing to the seamen, the Flag-officer says:] These men, too, you can always depend upon in any emergency. They are over-anxious to get into a fight; they will never surrender to the enemy. If you don't hold them back, they will be in ahead of you before the enemy. They can run faster than I can, you see (casting his eyes to his wounded foot.) Officers and men, one and all, farewell."

Through with the visitors, Flag-officer Foote boarded the steamer *De Soto* at 5 P. M. As the steamer leaves the *Benton*, he rises to his feet, and says, addressing the officers and men of the flagship:

"Farewell! You've got good officers, and you're all good men. You know I cannot be with you. May God bless you. God is with you in your just cause. You will be victorious. The Mississippi will be open to all men—all nations—before ten days. God bless you all. Good bye!"

Completely exhausted, he sank in his chair.

Reception of Commodore Foote in New-York.

The Sons of New-England met at the Fifth-avenue Hotel last evening, Hon. Benj. W. Burnet, Esq., in the Chair, and Charles Gould, Esq., Secretary, for the purpose of making proper arrangements for the reception of Commodore Foote, and appointed a Committee for that purpose, consisting of the following thirteen gentlemen, with power to add to their number: Connecticut, Gen. P. M. Wetmore and Mr. John Wadsworth; Rhode Island, Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., Mr. Nehemiah Knight; Massachusetts, Mr. Wm. M. Evarts, Rev. S. Osgood, D. D., and Mr. J. Green Pearson; Vermont, Maj. J. A. Pullen, Mr. John Paine; New-Hampshire, Hon. Chas. A. Peabody, Jeremiah Burns; Maine, Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, D. D., Mr. Wm. H. Fogg. On motion of Gen. Wetmore, the Chairman and Secretary were added; as also the three State Agents, Col. J. H. Almy, Col. Frank A. Howe, and Mr. Dexter A. Hawkins. Messrs. Swinton & Co. informed the meeting, by letter, that they had tendered the hospitalities of the Astor House to the Commodore during his stay in the City. Gen. P. M. Wetmore, during a glowing eulogium on the Commodore, suggested a supper as the most appropriate method of meeting and conversing with him. Rev. Dr. Osgood thought that a series of junketings was not the most appropriate method of receiving a hero. There ought to be symbolism more than anything else on such occasions; for his own part he thought nine suppers demoralizing, and believed that every man should be in his bed after 11 o'clock. [Here was one of the old Puritan steels, with a touch of Emerson and Concord on him, and he thought that some ideal symbol should be adopted, which all might accept.] Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, in supporting the motion, said he was not a Mason, and a supper also, based that the speech Mr. Evarts delivered, on Thursday evening, would be printed and circulated among the loyal States, which would leave Jeff. Davis' neck not worth a pin. Prof. Larned thought that the Commodore's modesty would prevent him accepting any demonstration. He suggested, however, that Capts. Bailey and Boggs be included in the demonstration, and Dr. Hitchcock wished to add Commodore Stringham to the list, defending that gentleman from the statements made that he came here to get an ovation. That was not true; he had merely obeyed orders. Mr. Elliott Shepard remarked that the receipts at the Academy of Music had amounted to a nice sum for Parson Brownlow, but as Commodore Foote was not in want of money, he might be induced to accept a demonstration if the proceeds would go to some charitable object. The Chair, at the motion of Gen. Wetmore, agreed with the suggestion that the Commodore should be received in some public place, where the citizens generally might see him. He also agreed with the suggestion that the receipts of such demonstration be made available for some charitable purpose. The meeting then adjourned, and the Committee went into session, and appointed Judge Beasley, Mr. Gould, Gen. Wetmore, Fred. Hitchcock and Rev. Dr. Osgood, a Committee to invite Commodore Foote to a reception, and learn from him what attentions can be rendered to him, and report to the Committee in what manner the demonstration could be made. Adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman and Secretary. The Sub-Committee subsequently agreed to write to the Commodore at Cleveland, in accordance with the resolution.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Friday, May 16.

Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, (Rep.,) made a statement in reference to a remark made by Mr. Holman, of Indiana, in the House, who said, speaking of the Investigating Committee, that he (Sherman) was on the Committee and received $6 a day. Mr. Sherman said that he had been on two committees: one the Kansas Committee, the other the Naval Investigating Committee, but neither committee ever charged or received a cent of compensation or mileage.

Mr. King, of New-York, (Rep.,) presented a memorial from merchants and others of New-York, asking for the speedy passage of the Pacific Railroad bill.

The resolution offered by Mr. Sumner, that the bills of the Senate and House be enrolled on paper instead of parchment, was taken up.

Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

A resolution was adopted that the Indian Appropriation bill be taken up.

Mr. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, (Rep.,) offered an amendment, authorizing the President to apply the appropriations to certain tribes; also authorizing the President, where tribal organizations have taken up arms against the Government, to abrogate all treaties with them.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Clark moved to take up the Confiscation bill reported from the Special Committee.

Mr. Fessenden, of Maine, (Rep.,) said he was going to ask the Senate to take up the Tax bill. He was in favor of both bills, but his position on the Committee made it his duty to urge the passage of the Tax bill.

Mr. Wade, of Ohio, (Rep.,) was in favor of trying to make the rebels pay part of the cost of the war before proceeding to tax loyal men.

Mr. Henderson, of Missouri, (Union,) thought there would be no very great revenue derived from the bill as reported. He supposed the burdens of the Tax bill would be imposed on some of the rebel States as well as the loyal States. He should, therefore, vote to take up the Tax bill.

The Confiscation bill was taken up. Yeas, 23; Nays, 19.

Mr. Clark, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.,) said the bill had been carefully prepared by the Committee, who had tried to harmonize the different opinions, and hoped the bill would meet with the approbation of the Senate.

Mr. Trumbull, of Ill., (Rep.,) moved to strike out the first section, which he said was merely to lighten the punishment of treason, and was unconstitutional. He contended that this was not a confiscation bill at all. He claimed that Congress had power to take the property of a rebel and his life, in war, but cannot bring him into court and take his property longer than life, under the Constitution, which provides against attainder and the taking of the property of a traitor from his heirs; yet the first section proposes as punishment for treason to take the property of rebels forever.

After further discussion, Mr. Davis, of Kentucky, (Union,) moved to amend the first section by striking out all the clause freeing the slaves, and to add a provision for imprisonment at hard labor not less than five nor more than twenty years.

Mr. Davis said he had no objection to the confiscation of slaves, if they were treated like other property, and the proceeds put into the Treasury.

Mr. Clark asked if Congress could allow a horse to go free if it were confiscated.

Mr. Davis thought not. He thought it the duty of Congress to appropriate property and use it.

Mr. Clark said: Suppose Congress thought it its duty to let it go free, who was to be the judge of its duty?

Mr. Davis said the legal definition of forfeiture implied that you must take the property and use it.

After further discussion, Mr. Davis' amendment was rejected.

The Yeas were Messrs. Davis, McDougall, Pearce, Powell, Saulsbury, Stark, Wilson of Missouri—7. Nays 31.

The question then recurred on Mr. Trumbull's motion to strike out the first section.

Mr. Lane, of Kansas, (Rep.,) thought if it was wanted to make a test, it would be better to offer the original bill as a substitute, and not try to mutilate this bill. He was in favor of the original bill, but if the Senate was determined to have this bill he wanted to take it as it was.

Mr. Trumbull's amendment was rejected. Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Howard, Pearce, Powell, Saulsbury, Trumbull, Wade, Wilkinson, Wilmot, Wilson, of Missouri—10. Nays 20.

Mr. Howard, of Michigan, (Rep.,) moved to strike out the second section, which provides for the forfeiture of the property and freedom of the slaves of those who incite, engage in, or aid in the insurrection against the United States. He spoke at some length against this section of the bill, as simply mitigating the punishment of treason.

Mr. Clark moved to amend the second section by inserting "by imprisonment not exceeding ten years," or so as to make it forfeiture or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Adopted.

Mr. Howard's amendment was then rejected. Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Howard, Powell, Saulsbury, Wilson of Missouri—5. Nays 23.

Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) offered a substitute for the bill. Ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, (Rep.,) the Senate went into Executive session.

Adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, May 16.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of War, inclosing a report from Gen. Geary concerning the homicide of Robert E. Scott and a man named Mathews, recently, in Fauquier County, Va., from which it appears they were killed by two privates of a Wisconsin regiment, as they, with arms in their hands, were entering a house where the soldiers had taken shelter, to capture them. One of the latter was shot, and the other escaped. It was added they had been guilty of marauding in the section through which they passed, while seeking to join their regiment.

Benjamin Wood, of New-York, (Opp.,) not wishing to consume the time of the House in delivering a speech on the condition of the Union, obtained permission to print it. He says it has been left to him to speak the first conciliatory word in behalf of his suffering countrymen. There were gentlemen within his vision whose sworn purpose and first desire, paramount even to the preservation of the Republic, is emancipation. They first applied the torch, and are now more busy than ever with throwing fresh fuel to the flames. Should history ever trace (which God forbid) the record of this country's ruin, that page will seem the strangest to those who read that which shall tell of the madness and wickedness of the arch fanatics of Abolitionism. In the dark recesses of the temple of infamy the glossiest niches will bear the inspiration of their names. In the place of making the negro question the subject matter of debate, Congress should take into earnest and solemn consideration, some expedient for securing peace. He believed success would crown their efforts. An honorable peace was within their grasp, and when the people shall realize that it is only the infamous design to strengthen their Anti-Slavery movements which prevents an effort to obtain peace, woe to the chief of the Abolition Party. But words are thrown away on stubborn fanaticism. He appealed to the better feelings, which should pervade humanity; to the lovers of our common country. We want a union of sovereigns—not of subjects. In conclusion, he urges and entreats Congress to adopt some measure which may bring about cessation of hostilities, with a view to negotiation.

Private bills were considered.

Adjourned till Monday.

The Niagara at Boston.

BOSTON, Friday, May 16.

The *Niagara*, from Halifax, arrived here at 1:45 P. M. She was detained by fog. The bag and mails go by the 5 o'clock train.

Bazaar for the Benefit of the Colored Orphan Asylum.—The 12th of May will long be conspicuous in the annals of our colored population. Besides the emancipative jubilee, commemorative of the act in the District of Columbia, which drew self-congratulating crowds to a prayer-meeting in the early morning, a flag raising in the afternoon, and a grand demonstration at Cooper Union in the evening, a bazaar, forming a collection of varied and attractive specimens of art, was opened in Mozart Hall. These fairs are only held once in two or three years, and are usually very successful—the benefits accruing to the colored orphans. The tables are, as a general thing, presided over by young girls of color; but it is sometimes the case that a paler face than even the richly-complexioned octoroon is to be met—as, for instance, at the stand called the "Orphan's Table" is always to be found such a one, so great a friend to the cause and the class, that upon each occasion of this kind she feels impelled to leave her home in Troy and sojourn for a week behind this identical table. Upon the "Orphan's Table" are placed all the articles prepared by the children, who here show how much have been appreciated the little scraps, odds and ends, &c., which kind friends have given them. Other tables, too, are distinguished by tasteful arrangement. Upon one is an embroidered cloak of white moreno, which will no doubt pass into the hands of some doating mother for her babe. Behind another is hung a white bed-spread, knit by an aged dame of eighty years; its beauty almost equaling its durability, for it cannot easily be worn out. The Brooklyn and Williamsburgh tables each do great credit to their respective localities—the former being loaded with underlinen, in all the wealth of embroidery and stitching, while above the latter, a lovely Canary carols to the passer by. The "Utility Table," most appropriately so termed, is covered with piles of muslins, laces and linen under-wear, as well as outer garments for children—as slips, bibs, aprons, &c., and even comprising in its long list of useful articles, the time-honored check-apron, to tie round the waist of good cook or housewife. An indescribable curiosity and study which the most delicate taste must love to linger over, exists in a collection of artificial flowers, leaves and birds, which are a donation from Brazil. One box contains a wreath of soft, white roses, which, upon inspection, are found to be wholly composed of fish-scales. Another has a brilliant collection of leaves, the beautiful sprigs being formed of the wings of tropical insects. Groupings of larger flowers in constantly varying shades, as the glancing light falls upon them, are made up entirely of humming-birds' wings, pressed with all the feathers attached. These Brazilian rarities are not to be met with often, and are worthy of examination.

Generous donations have been received from the Eastern States, from Philadelphia and from different portions of our own. The refreshment table offers the delightful consideration of choice cuts of beef and ham, with poultry to a wish; while in view of the patrons thereof swim pickled oysters in scented liquor, with islands of foreign spice, and in appetizing array stand salads and jellies, and prime preparations of the luxury, celery.

It was with some doubts of success that the friends of the Asylum proceeded with their work of getting up the fair this year; yet so far no falling off from previous years' generous support has been observed. The proceeds of their last effort amounted to $1,500.

THE TROY FIRE.

TROY, Friday, May 16.

Below is a statement of the losses of Insurance Companies by the recent fire in this city. The figures are believed to be nearly accurate, and differ essentially from statements of losses of Companies, which have found their way into some of the papers:

Etna, Hartford	$48,000	Mercantile, N. Y.	3,000
Albany City	500	Metropolitan, N. Y.	45,000
Astor	6,000	Market, N. Y.	5,000
Albany, Albany	13,000	Montauk, Brooklyn	20,000
Ætna, New-York	7,000	Mechanics' Spring'd	20,000
Atlantic, Brooklyn	60,000	Merchants', Hart'd	20,000
Atlantic, Providence	17,000	Mechanics & Traders	7,700
American, Pro'dence	1,000	Merchants', N. Y.	3,000
Arctic, New-York	4,000	Manhattan, N. Y.	73,000
American Exchange	5,000	N. West'n, Oswego	22,000
Albany Mutual	6,000	N. England, Hart'd	12,000
Beekman, N. Y.	40,000	Norwich	12,000
Brevoort, N. Y.	4,000	N. Am'ican, N. Y.	22,000
Commerce, Albany	2,000	N. A. Fire & Marine	4,000
Continental, N. Y.	15,000	National, N. Y.	3,000
Corn Exchange	17,000	Niagara	1,000
City Fire, Hartford	10,000	North American	1,125
City Fire, N'w-Hav'n	20,000	Phœnix, N. Y.	16,000
Commonw'lth, N. Y.	8,700	Pacific, N. Y.	17,000
Continental, N. Y.	3,000	Phœnix, Hartford	22,000
City, N. Y.	2,000	Park, N. Y.	5,000
Exchange, N. Y.	14,000	Peoples', N. Y.	1,000
Excelsior, N. Y.	4,000	Peter Cooper, N. Y.	4,000
Equitable	2,000	Roger Williams, Pr.	2,000
Fulton, N. Y.	14,000	Rutgers, N. Y.	3,000
Firemen's N. Y.	4,000	Resolute, N. Y.	4,000
Gebhard, N. Y.	4,000	Republic, N. Y.	3,000
Hope, Providence	20,000	Springfield, Mass.	42,000
Howe, N. Y.	11,000	Standard, N. Y.	4,000
Humboldt, N. Y.	2,000	Stuyvesant	2,000
Hartford, Hartford	27,000	Security, N. Y.	20,000
Hampden, Sp'gfield	5,000	Thames, Conn.	6,200
Hope, New-York	3,000	Tradesmen's, N. Y.	2,000
Howard, New-York	10,000	Troy Mutual	120,000
Irving, New-York	2,500	Unity, London	20,000
Jefferson, New-York	5,000	Washington, Prov.	24,000
Lamar, New-York	7,200	Washington, N. Y.	30,000
Lorillard, New-York	25,000	Western, Pittsfield	20,000
Liv'pool and London	152,000	Will'sb'gh, Br'lyn	30,000
Lafayette, N. York	14,000	World's Safe Insurance Co., Troy	3,000
Lenox, New-York	2,000		
Merchants Prov'nce	10,000		
		Total	$1,400,000

Of the 126 Insurance Companies doing business in the State, 72 had losses in this fire—36 New-York State Companies, and 36 of other States.

The Fire in Pearl-street—Loss About $20,000.—The fire which occurred in the five-story building, No. 321 Pearl-street, at 1½ o'clock yesterday morning, resulted in a loss of about $20,000. The fire originated on the third floor, in premises occupied by Thorne & Walker, book-binders. Their damage is $5,000. They are insured in the Excelsior Insurance Company for $3,000; in the Columbia for $2,000, and in the Market for $500. The fourth floor was occupied by James Egbert, printer, whose loss is about $7,000. He is insured in the Market Insurance Company for $3,500; in the St. Nicholas for $1,500; Security for $1,000, and in the Park Insurance Company for $1,500. The Fifth-floor was occupied by Mrs. Ellis, as a book-bindery. Her loss is about $1,000; she is insured for the same amount in the Lorillard Insurance Company. The second floor, occupied by G. F. Bunce & Co., printers, was damaged to the extent of $1,500. The stock of Bunce & Co. was insured in the Relief and Kings County Insurance Companies for $1,000 each. Messrs. Lusher & Spiker, occupied the first floor, as a leather and shoemaker's finding store. Their stock was damaged about $1,500, by fire and water. They are insured for $5,000 in the Greenwich and Security Insurance Companies. The building was owned by Samuel Verplanck. All of the upper stories were destroyed. The damage is estimated at $4,000, and is fully insured in City companies. The origin of the fire is at present unknown.

Mills' and Mollenhauer.—These two popular musicians will give their last *soirée* this season at Dodworth's Hall, this evening. The programme is exceedingly well selected, and will be interpreted by some of the best *artistes* of the day.

Parson Brownlow in Brooklyn.—Parson Brownlow has been invited by the Directors of the Brooklyn Athenæum to deliver a lecture there. The Parson may be expected to comply with the request.